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Annual Report

Town of Northfield

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911

TOWN OFFICES

Animal Control	286-8514
Assessor's Office	286-7039
Building Inspector	286-7039
FAX - Police	286-2027
FAX - Town Hall	286-3328
FAX - Town Sheds	286-4490
Fire Station	286-4781
Health Officer	286-7039
Library	286-8971
Pines Community Center	286-8653
Planning Board	286-7039
Police Emergency	286-8514
Police Business Office	286-8982
Recycling Area	286-7548
Road Agent	286-4490
Selectmen's Office	286-7039
Tax Collector	286-4482
Town Clerk	286-4482
T-N Recreation Council	286-8653
Welfare Administrator	286-7039
Youth Assistance Program	286-8577
Zoning Board	286-7039

SCHOOLS

Southwick School	286-3611
Union Sanborn Elementary	286-4332
Middle School	286-7143
Winnisquam Regional High School	286-4531
Superintendents's Office	286-4116

HOSPITALS

Franklin Regional Hospital	934-2060
Lakes Region General Hospital	524-3211

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For the year ending December 31, 1997

Northfield Polling Place:

Northfield Town Hall

21 Summer Street

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

10:00 AM - 7:00PM


Northfield Town Meeting:

The Pines Community Center

Dearborn Road

Saturday, March 14, 1998

10:00 AM



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DEDICATION

EVELYN LLOYD, FORMER SELECTMEN

Evelyn “Toot” Lloyd, 74, of Cofran Avenue, died December 13, 1997, in Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia.

She was born in Canterbury, June 18, 1923, the daughter of Frank H. And Dolly (Stevens) Cross, Sr.

Mrs. Lloyd resided in Northfield for most of her life and was active in many town affairs. She formerly spent winters in Frostproof, Florida.

She was previously employed at the Tilton Leather Mill. Prior to retiring, she operated JD Robinson, Inc. for many years.

Mrs. Lloyd was formerly a member of the Northfield Board of Selectmen, the first female elected to that board and a position she held for many years. She was a former Northfield Police Commissioner and was a member of the Northfield Historical Society, the Tilton-Northfield Historical Society and the Tilton-Northfield Business and Professional Women. She was a former “Woman of the Year”.

Mrs. Lloyd was a member of the Pomona Grange and Peabody Mount Washington Chapter 35 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Tilton-Northfield United Methodist Church.

The Town of Northfield wishes to recognize “Toot” for her years of serving the Town in so many ways.

ELECTED OFFICIALSTERM EXPIRES

SELECTMEN:

Lana Dearborn, Chairman	1997
Thomas Jordan	1998
Glen Brown	1999

MODERATOR:

Charles W. Chandler	1998
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TREASURER:

Roland Seymour	1997
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TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Eliza H. Conde	1999
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ROAD AGENT:

Albert E. Cross	1997
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

Steven V. Bauer	1997
David Curdie	1998
Scott McGuffin	1999

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST:

Terry Steady, Chairman	2000
Elaine Lamanuzzi	1998
Deborah Wheeler	2002

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD:

Leif Ellingson	1997
Robert Mazur	1998
Michael Beadle	1999

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Scott McGuffin	LIFE
Edna W. Southwick	LIFE
Sally Lawrence	LIFE
Foster Peverly	1998
Roland Seymour	1998

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Assistant Moderator
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Health Officer
Deputy Health Officer

Edward Bedard
Judy Huckins
Dana Dickson
Scott Hilliard

TOWN EMPLOYEES:TOWN HALL STAFF

Administrator
Executive Assistant
Code Enforcement Officer
Welfare Administrator
Animal Control Officer

Joyce May Fulweiler
Debra J. Shepard
Dana Dickson
Sharon Stephen
Donald Carpenter

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Police Officer
Police Officer
Police Officer
Police Officer
Police Officer
Part-Time Police Officer
Part-Time Police Officer
Part-Time Police Officer
Part-Time Police Officer
Administrative Assistant

Scott E. Hilliard
Joseph M. Corso
Stephen P. Adams
Douglas R. Trottier
William J. Whitcher
Kenneth A. Pierce, III
John R. Raffaelly
Timothy M. Dow
Michael Hutchinson
Donald Sullivan
Michael A. Hildreth
James McIntire
Sally Robert

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Heavy Equipment Operator	Stephen Swain
Asst. Equipment Operator	Wilfred Fleury
Mechanic	Richard Clark
Truck Driver	John Bilodeau
Truck Driver	Sumner Weeks
Recycling Attendant/Laborer	David Shaw
Recycling Attendant	Michael Kimball
Laborer	Kenneth Shaw
Secretary	Judy Huckins
P.T. Recycling Attendant	Harold Fife

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEESTERMS EXPIREBUDGET COMMITTEE

George Corliss, Jr., Chairman	1998
Brian Huckins	1998
Steve Randall	1999
Christopher Irish	1999
Maurice Dearborn, Jr.	2000
Linda Luedke	2000
Glen Brown, Selectmen's Rep.	

PLANNING BOARD

David Krause, Chairman	1999
Douglas Read	1998
Ode Cormier	1998
Carolyn Boeckman	2000
Eloise Lyford	2000
Donald Stevens	2000
Thomas Jordan, Selectmen's Rep.	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Kent Finemore, Chairman	1998
Donald Carlson	1999
Joseph Murray	2000
Christopher Hunt	2000
Gregory Walsh	1998
John Suldenski	1998
Glen Brown, Selectmen's Rep.	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sumner Weeks	1999
Chris Hunt	2000

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

John Laflamme	Claire Cross
Albert Cross	Marion Houlihan
Kent Woods	William Dawson

PINES COMMITTEE

Evelyn Lloyd	Don Abbott
Thomas Jordan	Harry Laughy
Sally Robert	Scott Hilliard

ARCH PARK COMMITTEE

Judy Huckins	Rob Steady
Duane Harbour	Eliza Conde
Michael Summersett	David Krause
Albert Cross	
Lana Dearborn, Selectmen's Rep.	

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Steve Randall, Chairman
Glen Brown
Linda Luedke
Gerard St. Cyr
Scott Hilliard

Brian Huckins
Marjorie Nickerson
David Krause
Albert Cross

NORTHFIELD SEWER DISTRICT

Robin D. Steady, Commissioner
George Prescott, Commissioner
Owen Clifford, Commissioner

TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Thomas G. Gallant, Chairman
Gerard St. Cyr, Commissioner
Andrew Sleeper, Commissioner

Harold Harbour, Chief
Ronald Huckins, Deputy

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

District #8: Gerard St. Cyr, LOB, Room 301, Concord NH 03301
District #9: Stephen Adams, LOB Room 204, Concord NH 03301
David Larrabee, LOB, Room 207, Concord NH 03301
Robert Lockwood, LOB, Room 301, Concord NH 03301
Roy Maxfield, LOB, Room 304, Concord NH 03301

STATE SENATE

District #7: Amy Patenaude, LOB, Room 103, Concord NH 03301

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

District #2: Peter Spaulding, Governor's Executive Council
State House, Concord, NH 03301

U.S. CONGRESS

District #2: Charles Bass

U.S. SENATE

Judd Gregg
Robert Smith



**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
MERRIMACK COUNTY
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE
NORTHFIELD TOWN HALL ON THE TENTH DAY OF MARCH
NEXT AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO ACT UPON
THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

- Article 1.** To choose all necessary Town officers and School District officers for the ensuing year.
- Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the Northfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and by special ballot prepared for same.

(POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.)

**AND ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT AT
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AT THE PINES
COMMUNITY CENTER ON DEARBORN ROAD IN NORTHFIELD
TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue a corrective deed to property owned by James F. Willey (Map U9, Lot 7) located at 51 Summer Street.
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to review the Town of Northfield Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Review



Regulations and impact fees and have recommendations prepared for a public hearing, not later than December 1, 1998. Said Committee to be comprised of at least 5 members but not more than 7, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Planning Board. The members shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and one member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and three residents of the Town.

- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any amount in property taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing.
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase 7.0 acres of State owned land, known as the "Carr Pitt" located on Sargent Street in the Town of Northfield and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.)
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,560.00 for the purchase of a replacement police cruiser. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,010.00 to lease purchase a 10 wheeled truck with dump body and ten yard sander to replace a 1984 F8000 six wheel dump truck. (This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 9.** If Article #8 is voted in the affirmative, to see if the Town will vote to purchase the truck in one year instead of a lease purchase over four years and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$59,085.00 which is the difference



between the sale price and the amount raised in Article # 8.
(This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen
and not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Class VI portion of Scribner Road to a Class V road, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to bring this road up to town construction standards for medical and fire protection. (This article is submitted by petition and is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,920 for the Youth Assistance Program of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton. (This article is submitted by petition and is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and is not recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an addition to and improvements to the Hall Memorial Library. The funds appropriated shall be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Northfield in the Hall Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund established by the Town in 1992; further, that the Hall Memorial Library Trustees be appointed as agents to expend the funds in the Hall Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund. (This article is submitted by petition and is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,183,655.00 which represents the operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relation thereto.



Article 14. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

Thomas J. Jordan, Chairman

Glen F. Brown

Lana M. Dearborn

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH.

A true copy of warrant attest:

Thomas J. Jordan, Chairman

Glen F. Brown

Lana M. Dearborn

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD, NH.



	1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET				
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Selectmen	7,500	7,500	9,000	9,000	
Fica	575	465	560	560	
Medicare	0	109	135	135	
Professional Services	1,500	660	1,800	1,800	
Advertising	800	2,163	1,800	1,800	
Dues/Subs.	2,000	1,404	2,000	2,000	
Misc. Expense	750	329	500	500	
TOTAL SELECTMEN	13,125	12,630	15,795	15,795	
Town Admin. Wages	39,230	30,641	42,025	42,025	
Temporary Position	0	12,268	0	0	
Health Insurance	2,030	2,104	4,775	4,775	
Life/Disability Ins..	735	594	765	765	
Dental Insurance	240	139	265	265	
Fica	3,002	1,897	2,605	2,605	
Medicare	0	443	610	610	
Group I Retirement	1,475	340	0	0	
ICMA Retirement	0	359	2,100	2,100	
Telephone	1,200	2,152	900	900	
Dues/Subs.	200	96	130	130	
Education/Seminars	750	130	690	690	
Office Supplies	650	720	650	650	
Postage	1,250	988	1,200	1,200	
Equip. Maint/Repairs	1,200	2,037	1,900	1,900	
New Equipment	500	500	0	0	
TOTAL TOWN ADMIN.	52,462	55,408	58,615	58,615	



1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET					
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Moderator	100	30	180	180	
Town Report	2,500	2,842	2,850	2,850	
General Supplies	50	0	0	0	
TOTAL MODERATOR	2,650	2,872	3,030	3,030	
Town Clerk Wages	15,115	15,615	15,165	15,165	
Dep. Clerk Wages	4,870	5,754	4,345	4,345	
Health Insurance	3,440	3,437	4,000	4,000	
Life/Disability Ins..	350	332	385	385	
Dental Insurance	180	179	200	200	
Fica	1,515	1,316	1,210	1,210	
Medicare	0	308	285	285	
Group I Retirement	742	532	835	835	
Telephone	350	74	180	180	
Dues/Subs.	100	20	100	100	
Education/Seminars	400	343	400	400	
Office Supplies	500	339	500	500	
Postage	400	468	400	400	
Books/Periodicals	300	25	400	400	
Book Restoration	1,700	1,624	1,700	1,700	
New Equipment	500	500	375	375	
Boat Registrations	4,000	4,034	4,000	4,000	
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	1,200	812	800	800	
OHRV Registrations	720	1,958	1,000	1,000	
Vital Statistics	1,900	1,988	1,900	1,900	
Dog Licenses	750	1,417	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	39,032	41,075	39,180	39,180	



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Elections - Clerks	100	130	800	800	
Supervisors	400	180	900	900	
Advertising	100	104	300	300	
Printing Supplies	50	50	50	50	
Misc. Expense	500	210	500	500	
TOTAL ELECTIONS	1,150	674	2,550	2,550	
Accounting & Auditing					
Wages	42,500	41,815	42,385	42,385	
Deputy Wages	4,870	4,680	4,345	4,345	
Health Insurance	8,705	8,264	10,445	10,445	
Life/Disability Ins..	815	818	870	870	
Dental Insurance	420	397	465	465	
Fica	3,605	2,866	2,900	2,900	
Medicare	0	665	680	680	
Group I Retirement	1,770	1,488	2,000	2,000	
Annual Audit	4,700	4,910	4,800	4,800	
Telephone	350	162	1,080	1,080	
Recordings	1,500	1,401	1,500	1,500	
Tax Map Updates	1,500	940	1,000	1,000	
Dues/Subs.	100	112	100	100	
Education/Seminars	2,000	799	1,000	1,000	
Office Supplies	2,200	2,598	2,000	2,000	
Postage	2,500	2,736	2,500	2,500	
Books/Periodicals	50	384	500	500	
New Equipment	500	500	1,500	1,500	
TOTAL ACCTG & AUDIT	78,085	75,535	80,070	80,070	



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Treasurer	1,500	1,500	2,500	2,500	
Fica	115	93	155	155	
Medicare	0	22	35	35	
TOTAL TREASURER	1,615	1,615	2,690	2,690	
Data Processing	3,000	3,652	5,605	5,605	
Software Upgrade	300	300	4,245	4,245	
Supplies	200	251	200	200	
Hardware Upgrade	3,500	3,627	0	0	
TOTAL DATA PROCESSING	7,000	7,830	10,050	10,050	
TOTAL FORESTRY CREDIT	400	1,832	400	400	
TOTAL ASSESSING	18,000	20,432	12,000	12,000	
TOTAL LEGAL	6,000	9,557	12,000	12,000	
PLANNING & ZONING					
Professional Services	500	0	1,920	1,920	
Legal Expense	0	0	500	500	
Advertising	400	563	400	400	
Recordings	200	226	200	200	
Printing	200	0	200	200	
Dues/Subs.	100	87	100	100	
Education/Seminars	100	25	100	100	
Office Supplies	100	121	100	100	
Postage	200	257	200	200	
TOTAL P & Z	1,800	1,279	3,720	3,720	
GENERAL GOVT. BLDGS.					
Custodial Services	1,800	1,481	2,160	2,160	
Electricity	3,000	3,143	3,240	3,240	



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Heating	2,500	3,362	2,760	2,760	
Water/Sewer	500	2,389	1,000	1,000	
Repairs/Maintenance	8,600	9,062	11,175	11,175	
TOTAL GOVT. BLDGS.	16,400	19,437	20,335	20,335	
CEMETERIES					
Wages	0	0	0	0	
Fica	0	51	0	0	
Medicare	0	12	0	0	
Groundskeeping	4,000	3,470	4,000	4,000	
Park Cemetery	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	
TOTAL CEMETERIES	5,750	5,283	5,750	5,750	
INSURANCE					
Unemployment	2,000	2,292	2,400	2,400	
Workers Compensation	28,970	4,199	33,450	33,450	
Property/Liability	35,000	29,558	31,000	31,000	
COBRA Reimbursements	6,156	9,443	9,290	9,290	
TOTAL INSURANCE	72,126	45,492	76,140	76,140	
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSN.	3,328	3,328	3,275	3,275	
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	318,923	304,279	345,600	345,600	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE					
Full Time Wages	240,506	233,546	254,600	254,600	
Part Time Wages	10,750	8,960	15,000	15,000	
Special Detail	2,500	20,136	2,500	2,500	
Overtime	15,000	14,764	15,000	15,000	
Holiday Pay	7,275	6,876	8,090	8,090	



	1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET				
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Health Insurance	35,228	33,031	45,840	45,840	
Life/Disability Ins.	4,015	3,942	4,615	4,615	
Dental Insurance	1,800	1,886	2,095	2,095	
Fica	1,715	2,362	2,380	2,380	
Medicare	3,487	4,074	4,280	4,280	
Group I Retirement	870	892	1,005	1,005	
Group II Retirement	8,125	7,218	9,790	9,790	
Legal Expenses	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	
Telephone	6,500	6,844	6,500	6,500	
Custodial Services	1,500	1,155	3,100	3,100	
Dispatch Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Dues/Subs.	1,500	1,463	1,500	1,500	
Uniforms	3,000	3,102	3,500	3,500	
Office Supplies	1,500	1,057	2,000	1,500	
Postage	750	482	800	800	
Vehicle Repairs/Maint.	6,000	6,584	6,000	6,000	
Gasoline	6,500	5,327	6,500	6,500	
Building Maintenance	500	611	1,000	1,000	
Electricity/Heat	4,000	3,198	3,500	3,500	
Water/Sewer	500	179	600	600	
Departmental Supplies	2,100	2,441	2,500	2,500	
Equip. Maint/Repairs	3,000	3,565	3,000	3,000	
New Equipment	3,750	3,394	8,700	5,000	
Training	3,750	3,562	4,000	4,000	
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	388,621	392,651	430,895	426,695	
FIRE DEPARTMENT					



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Health Ins. Reim.	7,564	5,266	15,280	15,280	
Dispatch Services	7,000	7,883	7,900	7,900	
Forest Fires	800	0	800	800	
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.	15,364	13,149	23,980	23,980	
CODE ENFORCEMENT					
Wages	9,000	6,864	9,000	9,000	
Fica	689	426	560	560	
Medicare	0	100	130	130	
Dues/Subs.	50	308	50	50	
Education/Seminars	50	0	50	50	
Printing	50	0	50	50	
Office Supplies	100	114	100	100	
Postage	25	27	25	25	
Mileage Reimbursement	500	710	500	500	
TOTAL CODE ENFORCEMEN	10,464	8,549	10,465	10,465	
CIVIL DEFENSE	100	0	100	100	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFET	414,549	414,349	465,440	461,240	
HIGHWAYS/STREETS/SANITATION					
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION					
Full time Wages	200,712	198,078	201,120	201,120	
Part time Wages	11,790	9,190	13,575	13,575	
Overtime	24,650	26,321	23,300	23,300	
Health Insurance	37,226	37,221	40,820	40,820	
Life/Disability Ins.	4,100	3,912	4,200	4,200	
Medical Expense	675	176	675	675	
Dental Insurance	2,550	2,264	2,485	2,485	



	1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET				
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Fica	18,200	14,637	14,760	14,760	
Medicare	0	3,424	3,455	3,455	
Group I Retirement	8,950	8,508	10,885	10,885	
Telephone	660	686	660	660	
Electricity	2,300	3,177	2,500	2,500	
Heating	500	508	750	750	
Water	300	104	300	300	
Vehicle Maint./Repairs	16,500	17,027	17,000	17,000	
Advertising	200	339	350	350	
Dues/Subs.	30	52	60	60	
Education/Seminars	350	357	400	400	
General Supplies	5,800	5,076	6,000	6,000	
Safety Shoes	675	285	675	675	
Radio Maintenance	500	462	500	500	
Office Supplies	200	268	250	250	
Welding Supplies	800	977	1,600	1,600	
Bldg. Maint./Repairs	1,000	463	1,800	1,800	
TOTAL HIGHWAY ADMINIST	338,668	333,512	348,120	348,120	
ROAD MAINTENANCE					
Vehicle Fuel	6,300	7,178	4,000	4,000	
Diesel Fuel	5,200	6,153	6,300	6,300	
Tires	2,500	2,043	2,500	2,500	
Oil/filters	1,500	2,022	1,500	1,500	
Salt	20,000	34,443	27,000	27,000	
Winter Sand	2,000	3,346	2,000	2,000	
Misc. Materials	1,000	857	1,000	1,000	



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET	
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE	
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
Sand	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
Bank Run Gravel	1,200	301	1,200	1,200	
Gravel Mud Season	3,500	5,101	4,000	4,000	
Gravel Road Construc.	8,000	0	8,000	8,000	
Cold Patch	0	0	1,000	1,000	
Pavement Sealing	7,000	6,798	9,000	9,000	
Pavement Shimming	16,000	15,304	16,000	16,000	
Pavement Recycling	70,000	66,675	72,000	72,000	
New Pavement	15,000	17,602	18,000	18,000	
Dust Control	2,000	2,684	3,000	3,000	
Drainage/Culverts/Pipes	2,000	2,809	2,000	2,000	
Guardrails/Signs/Posts	2,000	1,395	2,000	2,000	
Sidewalk Construction	3,000	604	3,000	3,000	
TOTAL ROAD CONSTR.	169,200	175,315	184,500	184,500	
TOTAL BRIDGES	2,000	260	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL ST. LIGHTS	10,300	9,764	10,300	10,300	
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERV	7,000	6,075	7,000	7,000	
SANITATION ADMINISTRATON					
Wages	20,460	21,088	20,225	20,225	
Fica	1,410	1,307	1,255	1,255	
Medicare	0	306	295	295	
Telephone	360	370	360	360	
Electricity	1,200	1,160	1,200	1,200	
Heating	100	0	100	100	
Advertising/Notices	250	46	200	200	
Education/Seminars	700	664	700	700	



	1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET
APPROPRIATION	BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE
		DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
TOTAL SANITATION ADMIN.	24,480	24,941	24,335	24,335
COLLECTION				
Groundwater Monitoring	3,500	1,843	2,000	2,000
Landfill costs	11,000	14,414	10,065	10,065
Maint. & Repairs	3,000	1,267	3,000	3,000
Collection Contract	47,925	47,744	49,850	49,850
Hazardous Waste	500	565	2,500	2,500
TOTAL COLLECTION	65,925	65,833	67,415	67,415
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
Transportation	10,000	12,577	11,440	11,440
Recycling Improvements	3,000	2,916	3,000	3,000
Incinerator Contract	84,000	82,042	83,600	83,600
Trucking Contingency	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Metal Disposal	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Tire Disposal	500	0	500	500
TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISP	99,500	97,535	100,540	100,540
SEWER COLLECTION				
Wages	800	360	800	800
Fica	0	20	50	50
Medicare	0	5	15	15
Repairs/Maint.	200	0	500	500
WRBP Capital	2,532	2,208	1,930	1,930
WRBP Admin.	7,643	7,509	7,855	7,855
TOTAL SEWER COLLECTIO	11,175	10,102	11,150	11,150
TOTAL HWY/STS/SAN	728,248	723,337	755,360	755,360
HEALTH & WELFARE				



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
	PURPOSES OF	1997	EXPENDED	1998	BUDGET



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
ESTIMATED		1997	RECEIVED	1998	BUDGET
REVENUES		BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE
			DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
TAXES					
	Land Use Change Tax	14,000	2,700	2,700	2,700
	Yield Tax	17,905	21,558	5,000	5,000
	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	21,000	23,845	16,000	16,000
	Interest Payments	83,200	86,920	83,000	83,000
	SUBTOTAL	136,105	135,023	106,700	106,700
LICENSES/PERMITS/FEES					
	Business Permits/Fees	1,765	16,999	17,110	17,110
	Motor Vehicles	350,000	407,073	407,150	407,150
	Building Permits	2,200	3,080	3,100	3,100
	Other	20,500	6,212	6,250	6,250
	SUBTOTAL	374,465	433,364	433,610	433,610
INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
	Shared Revenue	35,301	35,031	35,400	35,400
	Meals & Rooms Tax	48,102	48,102	48,000	48,000
	COPS Fast Grant	26,000	32,698	28,000	28,000
	Hgwy. Block Grant	83,727	83,727	82,180	82,180
	Forest Rem.	13	13	10	10
	Other Rem. (Bridge Program)	150,000	182,302	187,000	187,000
	SUBTOTAL	343,143	381,873	380,590	380,590
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
	Dept. Income	10,000	35,745	9,950	9,950
	Other Charges	15,000	9,172	9,400	9,400



		1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET			
ESTIMATED		1997	RECEIVED	1998	BUDGET
REVENUES		BUDGET	AS OF	SELECTMEN	COMMITTEE
			DEC. 31	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
SUBTOTAL		25,000	44,917	19,350	19,350
OTHER SOURCES					
Sale of Municipal Property		31,000	15,245	20,000	20,000
Interest on Investments		30,000	27,755	28,500	28,500
Other		50,000	51,027	75,720	75,720
Capital Reserves		261,500	268,252	0	0
SUBTOTAL		372,500	362,279	124,220	124,220
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATES		1,251,213	1,357,456	1,064,470	1,064,470



REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SELECTMEN

The Selectmen would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the members who serve on the various boards and committees for the town. And we would also like to thank the Town Office staff, Police Department and Highway Department Employees for their dedication and service to the residents of Northfield.

In May of this year, we re-hired our former Town Administrator Joyce (Johnson) Fulweiler. We would like to thank Alice MacKinnon for serving as interim town administrator during the transition. We would also like to welcome back our code enforcement officer, Dana Dickson.

1997 was a busy year, as usual. We completed a town wide assessment so that property values more accurately reflect current market values. The Northfield Police Station addition and renovations were completed in a timely and cost effective manner with a minimum amount of disruptions thanks to Dan King and Roland Huckins.

We completed the rehabilitation of Knowles Pond Bridge and in 1998 we will begin reconstruction of Twin Bridge through the state's municipal bridge aid program.

In 1998 we plan to work with the Planning and Zoning Boards to review and update the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations. We will also be considering the implementation of impact fees. The last major revision was in 1991 and with the upturn in the economy, we want to be ready for future development.

We encourage residents to become involved in their Town government. We have openings on numerous boards and committees and we welcome your participation.

Any finally, we wish to thank Thomas Jordan who has served as Selectmen since 1989. He has made many contributions to the Community, especially his dedication to improving the Arch Park and the Pines. We will miss you Tom.





1997 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

The 1997 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Chandler at 10:00 A.M., March 11, 1997 at the Northfield Town Hall.

Article #1. To choose all necessary Town officers and School District officers for the ensuing year. The election results were as follows:

For Selectmen:	Lana Dearborn	187
For Treasurer:	Roland Seymour	200
For Road Agent:	Albert E. Cross	194
For Trustee of Trust Funds:	Scott McGuffin	7
Winnisquam School District:		
For Moderator:	Kenneth Randall	188
For School Board - Tilton:	Alan D. Gabriel	144
For School Board - Northfield:	Leif J. Ellingsen	106
	Brian A. Love	108
For School Board - Sanbornton:	David A. Knapp	134
	Hans T. Onsager	67
For School Board - Sanbornton:	Mary Ahlgren	166
	Kevin Roy	34

There were several write in votes for each position.

Article #2: To see if the Town will vote the changes in the zoning ordinance pertaining to:

a. The note at end of Article 7	110 yes	41 no
b. Frontage requirements for lots with town sewer	98 yes	50 no
c. Minimum quality standards for mobile homes	146 yes	34 no
d. The spreading of bio-solids	131 yes	70 no
e. Establishing standards for land application of bio-solids as proposed by the Planning Board	131 yes	71 no



Article #3: To see if the Town will vote to modify the standards for qualifying for an elderly exemption.

(RSA 72:38-b)

165 yes

31 no

Polls were closed at 7:00 p.m.

And on the fifteenth day of March the Town meeting was called to order by Moderator Charles Chandler at 10:00 AM at the Pines Community Center to act on the following subjects:

(There was no article 4 on the warrant)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$174,500) for addition to and renovations to the Police Station and further, to authorize the closure and withdrawal of the balance of the accumulated interest and principle from the Building and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The question was moved and seconded. Chief Scott Hilliard explained in detail the plans for the station.

Donald Abbott made a motion to amend as follows: "The monies voted by the voters of the Town of Northfield for the enlargement of the Police Station shall be expended only as voted by the town's people at a town meeting following a public hearing on the proposed enlargement. Such public hearing shall be posted in sufficient publications and prominently advertised in local papers at least 30 days prior to the public hearing." A motion by George Prescott to call the question was passed by standing vote 78 to 4. The amendment was defeated 80 no to 2 yes.

The discussion on the original motion continued with questions about the projected needs, need for a garage, how many trees would be cut, any other locations checked out, etc. Article passed.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three thousand (\$63,000) to reconstruct Twin Bridge; and further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the closure and withdrawal of both accumulated interest and principle from the Capital Reserve Fund for Bridge



Reconstruction. Article passed.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty six dollars (\$31,346) for the purchase of a one ton dump truck; and further to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Capital Reserve Highway Equipment Fund. Article passed.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for the purchase of a used Sidewalk Bombardier; and further to authorize the closure and withdrawal of the accumulated interest and principle from the Capital Reserve Highway Equipment Fun to cover the cost of this purchase and to deposit any funds in excess of the cost in the General Fund. Article passed.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to establish a new capital reserve fund called the Shaker Road Reconstruction Fund. This fund can only be used for the expressed purpose of reconstructing Shaker Road. Article passed.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund called the Bean Hill Road Reconstruction Fund; and further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the closing of the Capital Reserve Highway Fund and transfer the accumulated interest and principle to the Capital Reserve Fund for the reconstruction of Bean Hill Road. This fund can only be used for the expressed purpose of reconstructing Bean Hill Road. Article passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Arch Restoration Fund. Lana Dearborn moved to see if the Town will vote to authorize the closure and withdrawal of accumulated interest and principle from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Arch Restoration Fund. All funds are to be put in the General Fund. Motion seconded. There was discussion on the need to keep this fund in order to do work on the Arch as needed. The Selectmen explained that funds for any work would be put in the regular budget and a Reserve Fund was not needed.



Barbara Foster made a motion to amend the article to see if the town will vote to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of the sum of \$1,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Arch Restoration Fund for the purpose of repair and restoration of the roof. Motion seconded. This amendment failed. 43 yes 51 no.

The original motion passed 61 yes 31 no.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the Summer Concert Series. Article passed.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for the Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council. Chris Irish made a motion to amend this article to include at the end of it the words “and to include this sum as part of the annual operating budget of the Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council.” Seconded. The amendment passed 49 yes, 30 no. The article passed as amended.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of constructing an addition to and improvements to the Hall Memorial Library. The funds appropriated shall be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Northfield in the Hall Memorial Library Capital Reserve established by the town in 1993; further that the Hall Memorial Library Trustees be appointed as agents to expend the funds in the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund. Article passed.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of the 1994 Town Meeting which authorized the withdrawal of twelve thousand (\$12,000) from the Buildings and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing a salt shed. Article passed.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, nine hundred thirty-nine thousand, five hundred fourteen dollars (\$1,939,514) which represents the operating budget of the posted budget (MS-7) and pass any vote in relationship thereto. Article passed.



Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I, Definitions, of the Solid Waste Ordinance to read as follows:

“COMMERCIAL means commercial entities doing business in the Town of Northfield, including but not limited to contractors, multi-family dwellings and/or manufactured housing parks of more than FOUR (4) units per parcel respectively and commercial establishments of any size....

“An individual who exceeds the four (4) unit rule limitation may make application to the Board of Selectmen for an exception to the rule. Before deciding on the merits of the application, the Board will request recommendations from the Police Chief and the Road Agent.

After proper review, exceptions may be granted by the Board at their sole discretion for safety and health reasons.” Article passed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to discount by two percent (2%) any amount in property taxes due when said taxes are paid within 30 days of the date of billing. Article passed.

Article 19: To transact any other business: Amnesty Day will be April 26, 1997. William Dawson presented the following non binding resolution:

Be it resolved that the Town of Northfield, N.H. encourage the State of New Hampshire to:

1. Continue to provide WIC, Child and Adult Care Food Program CACFE.
2. Reject setting a time limit on welfare stricter than the federal five year lifetime limit.
3. Continue state welfare funding at 100% of the FY94 level or increasing state funding.
4. Provide benefits to children born to a parent receiving assistance at the time of birth.
5. Provide state funding for cash or vouchers to purchase necessities for families who reach the time limit, are willing to work, but cannot find employment.



6. Provide adequate funding for child care so that low income people have access to affordable day care.
7. Provide adequate education and training to state and local case workers.
8. Include a funding reserve to serve increased case loads during recessions.

So resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Town Clerk



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Northfield
Northfield, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Northfield has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraphs, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Northfield, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then



ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Northfield. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

February 6, 1997

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association



**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997**

OPERATING

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 498,355.71
Interest Earned	\$ 32,119.31
Deposits	<u>\$6,909,693.44</u>
Total Available	\$7,440,168.46
Less: Interest Paid	\$ 29,568.75
Disbursements	<u>\$6,554,817.35</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 855,782.36

ESCROW

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 16,132.62
Interest Earned	\$ 43.82
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Total Available	\$ 16,176.44
Less: Disbursements	<u>\$ 16,176.44</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 0.00

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 132,602.23
Interest Earned	\$ 2,813.17
Deposits	<u>\$ 7,227.51</u>
Total Available	\$ 142,642.91
Less: Disbursements	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 42,642.91

Respectfully submitted,

Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer



SCHEDULE OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	LOCATION	ACRES	LAND BLDG	TOTAL
R09/5	Sandogardy Rd	69.0	95,600	95,600
R09/8	Sandogardy Rd		7,400	7,400
R09/9	Sandogardy Rd	1.0	16,000/ 68,800	84,800
R09/72B	Sandogardy Rd	2.0	13,700	13,700
R10/36	Reservoir Rd	12.61	24,000	24,000
R14/3A	Belmont Meadow	2.0	15,200	15,200
R17/1	Off Bean Hill	10.0	7,800	7,800
R17/46	Off Bean Hill	.82	13,400	13,400
R22/1-1	Payson Road	.25	200	200
U03/18	Sargent Street	1.0	22,700/13,500	36,200
U03/18C	Sargent St. #3		14,500	14,500
U07/80	Arch Hill	18.0	25,800	25,800
U07/99	The Island	1.37	7,000	7,000
U08/26A	Holmes Ave	.28	2,300	2,300
U08/112/113	Summer St	1.73	29,100/204,300	233,400
U08/137A	Summer St	.50	28,000/ 700	28,700
U09/1	Park St		69,700	69,700
U09/1/1E	Park St	14.0	70,000/123,200	193,200
U09/6/1	Park St	4.64	31,700/55,900	87,600
U09/6/2	Summer St	2.44	12,900	12,900
U09/6/3	Dearborn Rd	.60	7,100	7,100



1996 TAX RATE COMPUTATION			
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD			
APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,293,360		
LESS: REVENUES	1,251,213		
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	24,112		
ADD: OVERLAY	138,473		
ADD: WAR SERVICE CREDITS	13,950		

NET TOWN APPROPRIATION		\$1,170,458	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE			\$9.49
SCHOOL PORTION			
DUE TO SCHOOL	\$2,602,214		
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	80,962		

NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION		\$2,521,252	
SCHOOL TAX RATE			\$20.46
COUNTY PORTION			
DUE TO COUNTY	\$251,453		
LESS: SHARED REVENUES	5,530		

NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION		\$245,923	
COUNTY TAX RATE			\$2.00
COMBINED TAX RATE			
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSED		\$3,937,633	
LESS: WAR SERVICE CREDITS		(13,950)	
ADD: FIRE DISTRICT COMMITMENT		115,849	

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		\$4,039,532	\$31.95
PROOF OF TAX RATE			
NET ASSESSED VALUATION	TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT	
\$123,243,589	\$31.95	\$3,937,633	

**1997 SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION**

VALUE OF LAND:	ACRES	
Current Use	11,543	\$ 983,317
Residential	4,909	\$ 23,472,900
Commercial	<u>443</u>	<u>\$ 2,694,400</u>
Total Taxable Land	16,895	\$ 27,150,617

Tax Exempt/Non Taxable (\$969,000)

VALUE OF BUILDINGS:

Residential	\$ 74,740,800
Manufactured Housing	\$ 5,971,500
Commercial	<u>\$ 13,889,300</u>
Total Taxable Buildings	\$ 94,601,600

Tax Exempt/Non Taxable (\$5,718,100)

PUBLIC UTILITIES: \$ 2,179,800

TOTAL VALUATION: \$124,666,817

LESS EXEMPTIONS: \$ 1,423,228

NET VALUATION FOR TAX RATE: \$123,243,589

**1997 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION****UTILITY SUMMARY:**

Energy North	\$	513,000
T/N Aqueduct	\$	221,800
NH Electric Coop	\$	1,306,200
Public Service of NH	\$	<u>873,600</u>
	\$	2,914,600

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS:

#	Exemption Amount	
19	\$25,000	\$ 475,000
13	\$30,000	\$ 390,000
8	\$45,000	\$ <u>360,000</u>
		\$ 1,225,000

HANDICAPPED EXEMPTIONS:

5	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
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TAX CREDITS

#	AMOUNT	
2	Exempt	\$ - 0 -
3	\$700	\$ 2,100
237	\$ 50	\$ <u>11,850</u>
		\$ 13,950

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:

State Forest	\$	13.00
Clement Dam	\$	2,000.00
Spaulding Youth Center	\$	13,328.00



CURRENT USE	ACRES
Farm Land	1,036.13
Forest Land	9,920.28
Unproductive	57.00
Wetland	<u>529.67</u>
	11,543.08



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

DEBITS	1997 Levy	1996 Levy
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:		
Property		\$617,410.98
Betterment		\$ 8,039.10
Yield		\$ 19,790.64
Sewer		\$ 5,138.24
Taxes Committed during the year:		
Property	\$4,043,099.99	
Betterment	\$ 14,236.92	
Land Use	\$ 2,700.00	
Yield	\$ 31,582.80	
Sewer	\$ 75,336.06	
Over Payment:		
Property	\$ 6,603.46	\$ 700.06
Sewer	\$ 499.72	
Interest Collected For Delinquent Taxes	\$ 3,922.96	\$ 41,679.51
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$4,177,981.91	\$692,758.53



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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

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Sewer		\$ 5,138.24
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Betterment	\$ 14,236.92	
Land Use	\$ 2,700.00	
Yield	\$ 31,582.80	
Sewer	\$ 75,336.06	
Over Payment:		
Property	\$ 6,603.46	\$ 700.06
Sewer	\$ 499.72	
Interest Collected For Delinquent Taxes	\$ 3,922.96	\$ 41,679.51
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$4,177,981.91	\$692,758.53



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

CREDITS	1997 Levy	1996 Levy
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property	\$3,456,436.88	\$346,876.28
Betterment	\$ 7,909.40	\$ 4,823.46
Land Use	\$ 2,700.00	
Yield	\$ 21,480.22	\$ 261.89
Sewer	\$ 70,114.44	\$ 2,819.34
Interest	\$ 3,922.96	\$ 13,374.63
Conversion to Tax Lien	\$	\$315,117.05
Discounts Allowed	\$ 48,241.59	
Abatements Made:		
Property	\$ 1,621.52	\$ 9,485.88
Yield	\$ 130.25	
Deeded	\$ 600.70	
Uncollected Taxes at end of year:		
Property	\$533,324.59	
Betterment	\$ 6,327.52	
Yield	\$ 9,972.23	
Sewer	\$ 5,721.34	
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$4,178,503.74	\$692,758.53



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

DEBITS	1996 LEVY	1995 LEVY	UP TO 1994 LEVIES
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Unredeemed Liens Balance at beginning of year:		\$166,782.42	\$167,178.41
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Liens executed during year:	\$315,117.05		
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Interest	\$ 3,425.89	\$ 15,133.39	\$ 23,435.58
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TOTAL DEBITS:	\$318,542.94	\$181,915.81	\$190,613.99
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CREDITS

Redemptions	\$103,052.54	\$ 88,193.40	\$ 59,397.16
Interest	\$ 3,425.89	\$ 15,133.39	\$ 23,435.58

Abatements made	\$ 706.74	\$ 107.28	\$ 557.00
Liens Deeded to Town	\$ 2,202.52	\$ 2,095.55	\$ 1,941.05

Unredeemed Liens at end of year	\$209,155.25	\$ 76,386.19	\$105,283.20
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$318,542.94	\$181,915.81	\$190,613.99
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Respectfully submitted:

Eliza H. Conde, Tax Collector
Judy Huckins, Deputy Tax Collector



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Auto Registrations	\$378,655.00
Auto Titles	\$ 1,720.00
Auto Municipal Agent Fees	\$ 11,431.00
Boat Registrations	\$ 5,722.68
Dog Licenses	\$ 3,131.50
Filing Fees	\$ 55.54
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	\$ 730.50
OHRV Registrations	\$ 1,923.00
UCC Filings	\$ 2,200.00
Vital Statistics	\$ 2,363.00
TOTAL	\$407,932.22



TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

With 86% of the 1997 property taxes paid by the end of 1997, this was another record year for collection of taxes. There is an increase in the total dollar amount of unredeemed taxes this year, but 35% of that amount is attributed to one account. This is the Surette Battery property which is still being studied by the Selectmen as to what action, if any, they want to take with it. There are hazardous waste considerations involved on this property.

Judy Huckins completed her first year of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Certification Program in Durham this summer. She plans to attend again this summer. We have continued with the preservation of the Town's Vital Statistics books with four books now completed. This is a very important project to insure that these records will be preserved for the future. The wear and tear from use, as well as age, were making the books very fragile.

We have upgraded our computer program to be more efficient this year. Of course, that means it has taken us some time to get used to it, but when we do, we will in fact be more efficient!! We have requested funds in the budget this year to computerize the Town Clerk portion of our work. This will allow us to connect to the Concord Motor Vehicle office and will make us more efficient. Once again, it will take us some time to learn the system, so we hope you will be patient with us while we learn!

Don't forget to license your dogs..they are due by May 1, 1998. We also register boats, snowmobiles, off highway vehicles and sell hunting and fishing licenses.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the very caring support shown my husband and me during the time of our loss this summer. We are fortunate to live in Northfield!

Eliza H. Conde, Clerk/Collector
Judy Huckins, Deputy Clerk/Collector



**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Balance January 1, 1997 \$ 647,090.56

REVENUE

Interest	\$ 34,976.30
Other Deposits	\$1,948,855.62
Permits & Fees	\$ 62,168.97
State of NH	\$ 232,403.26
Taxes	\$4,143,349.39
Town Clerk	\$ 413,967.27

TOTAL REVENUE \$6,835,720.81

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$7,482,811.37

EXPENDITURES

Interest	\$ 29,568.75
General & Payroll Expenses	\$3,927,154.61
WRSD	\$2,627,662.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$6,584,386.10

Balance December 31, 1997 \$ 898,425.27

Respectfully submitted,

Roland C. Seymour, Treasurer

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Principal			Income			P & I		
		Balance 12/31/96	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/97	Balance 12/31/96	Income 1997	Expended 1997	Balance 12/31/97	TOTAL
Capital Reserve Funds										
1985	LAND & BUILDING	\$9,793.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,793.92	\$1,685.80	\$610.88	\$0.00	\$2,296.68	\$12,090.60
1985	TRUCK	91,644.92	20,000.00	0.00	111,644.92	7,730.17	5,318.60	0.00	13,048.77	124,693.69
1992	RESCUE CAPITAL									
	RESERVE	35,697.23	0.00	0.00	35,697.23	2,585.97	2,037.25	0.00	4,623.22	40,320.45
	Totals	\$137,136.07	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$157,136.07	\$12,001.94	\$7,966.73	\$0.00	\$19,968.67	\$177,104.74

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Northfield, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997



Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Principal				Income			P & I	
		Balance 12/31/96	New Funds Created	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/97	Income 1997	Expended 1997	Balance 12/31/97	TOTAL
Cemetery Fds Totals Forward										
		\$4,740.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,740.00	\$253.61	\$261.61	\$253.61	\$4,993.61
Capital Reserve Funds										
1966	Buildings & Equipment	113,914.67		0.00	113,914.67	0.00	5,948.57	14,528.60	0.00	0.00
1978	Arch Restoration Fund	2,267.33		0.00	0.00	2,267.33	177.99	0.00	1,257.41	3,524.74
1986	Revaluation Fund	28,437.61		5,000.00	0.00	33,437.61	1,687.51	0.00	4,963.04	38,400.65
1987	Bridge Const. Fund	100,763.61		0.00	100,763.61	0.00	4,046.42	4,046.42	0.00	0.00
1988	Highway Const. Fund	65,005.57		0.00	65,005.57	0.00	2,848.89	5,110.30	0.00	0.00
1989	Solid Waste Fund	500.00		0.00	0.00	500.00	33.48	0.00	167.75	667.75
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	42,422.74		0.00	42,422.74	0.00	2,067.22	2,214.74	0.00	0.00
1992	Library Fund	2,500.00		50,500.00	0.00	53,000.00	143.56	0.00	341.58	53,341.58
1997	Shaker Road Fund	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
1997	TNHS Class of 1942	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	31.54	0.00	31.54	2,031.54
Total Capital Reserve Funds		355,811.53	22,000.00	55,500.00	322,106.59	111,204.94	16,985.18	25,900.06	6,761.32	117,966.26
Grand Totals		\$360,551.53	\$22,000.00	\$55,500.00	\$322,106.59	\$115,944.94	\$17,238.79	\$26,161.67	\$7,014.93	\$122,959.87



Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Northfield, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Principal		Income			P & I
		Balance 12/31/96	New Funds Created	Balance 12/31/97	Income 1997	Expended 1997	
School Fund	School	840.00		840.00	44.94	46.36	884.94
Fannie Cofran	Hodgdon Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
C.J. Chamberlain	Oak Hill Cem.	50.00		50.00	2.68	2.76	52.68
Mary A. Neal	Oak Hill Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Darius Dearborn	Hodgdon Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Jas. & Abigail Glines	Williams Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Gwan Gorrell	Lot-Gorrell Farm	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Ellen Chadwick	Williams Cem.	50.00		50.00	2.68	2.76	52.68
Sevira Streeter	Williams Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Reuben Hutchins	Hodgdon Cem.	50.00		50.00	2.68	2.76	52.68
A.B. Winslow	Williams Cem.	200.00		200.00	10.70	11.04	210.70
Chas. W. Bryant	Lot-Park Cem.	200.00		200.00	10.70	11.04	210.70
Leroy A. Glines	Williams Cem.	50.00		50.00	2.68	2.76	52.68
Arthur Thomas	Lot-Park Cem.	500.00		500.00	26.75	27.60	526.75
Mabel Hill	Arch Hill Cem.	200.00		200.00	10.70	11.04	210.70
Leon Burns	Lot-Park Cem.	200.00		200.00	10.70	11.04	210.70
Nathaniel Foss	Hodgdon Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
Raphel Quimby	Arch Hill Cem.	300.00		300.00	16.05	16.56	316.05
Edwin V. Leavitt	Arch Hill Cem.	100.00		100.00	5.35	5.52	105.35
John S. Woodard	Arch Hill Cem.	750.00		750.00	40.13	41.39	790.13
Sophie Copp	Arch Hill Cem.	250.00		250.00	13.38	13.80	263.38
Victor Stanton	Arch Hill Cem.	300.00		300.00	16.04	16.54	316.04
und Totals		4,740.00	0.00	4,740.00	253.61	261.61	4,993.61



**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DURING 1997**

Single Family Homes	8
Apartments	0
Replacement Mobile Homes	2
New Mobile Homes	1
New Multi Family	0
Public Buildings	0
Garages and Barns	16
Decks/Porches	13
Storage Buildings	10
Swimming Pools	1
Signs	1
Additions	16
Commercial Use	3
Alterations	11
Reconstruction	14
Demolition	4
Renewed Permits	4
Total Permits Issued	72

Estimated Value Described by Permits: \$1,887,414.00

Building Permit Fees Collected: \$ 2,438.00

HEALTH REPORT/COMPLAINTS

Junk Yards	3
Building/Zoning	23
Rental Standards	7
Septic Systems	16
Safety Standards	7

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Dickson

Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement/ Health Officer



ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

During 1997, the Animal Control Officer handled numerous calls and complaints. All stray dogs picked up by the Animal Control Officer were placed in homes. All but four cats picked up as strays or abandoned were placed in homes.

Over 500 dogs were licensed in 1997. State and Town law indicates that all dogs are to be on a leash, in a kennel or under the control of the owner at all times. All dogs 3 months old or older must be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed with the Town before April 30 of each year.

All cats 3 months or older must be vaccinated for rabies also.

Animal Bites: If someone is bitten/scratched by an animal, contact the Police Department immediately. Wash and soak the area of the bite for 15 minutes. Contact your doctor or hospital for further instructions.

For everyone's protection, please make sure all of your animals have been vaccinated, are up to date on all their shots and keep them under control or leashed at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Carpenter
Animal Control Officer



TOWN OF NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Members: David Krause, Chairman, Douglas Read, Eloise Lyford, Donald Stevens, Caroline Boeckman, Ode Cormier and Thomas Jordan, Selectman.

The following is a recap of the decisions the Planning Board made in 1997:

1. Monique Cormier for subdivision of 125 acres located on Shaker Road. The Board approved said subdivision.
2. On January 22, 1997 the Planning Board held a work session and public hearing on proposed changes to the zoning ordinances. The proposed changes were placed on the town warrant. The Board held several other work sessions throughout the year.
3. George Corliss, Jr. on Behalf of the Hunt Family Trust for proposed subdivision of 15 acres located on Shaker Road. The Board approved said subdivision.
4. T-N Aqueduct, application to construct a water storage reservoir to replace the existing open storage reservoir located on Reservoir Road. The Board approved said application.
5. Richard Dubois for a one lot subdivision to separate the existing house from remaining land located on E. Pleasant Street. The Board approved said subdivision.
6. Ronald Burd for a 28 lot subdivision of 73.5 acres of his property located on Shaker Road. The Board found that the application was incomplete. The Board informed Mr. Burd that he would be put on the agenda for the next month if his application was completed and resubmitted.
7. Ronald Burd for 28 lot subdivision of 73.5 acres of his property located on Shaker Road. This subdivision had not received final approval by the end of 1997 and is still in the process of receiving approval.



8. David and Douglas Petelle applied for a Boundary Line Adjustment on their property located on Luneau Court. The Board approved the Boundary Line Adjustment.

9. Robert Moore of 45 Elm Street for a Site Plan Application for proposed Video Store. The Board continued said application until the January 1998 meeting. At the January 1998 meeting, the Board denied the application.

10. Kenneth Curran for Site Plan Application and Subdivision application for proposed welding shop, crematorium and storage at property located on Route 140, Tilton Road. The Board approved said site plan application and subdivision application.

11. Irving Woods/Glen Acres for Site Plan Application for proposed storage and minor repairs of used vehicles at property located at 64 Forrest Road. The Board approved said site plan application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Shepard
Planning Board Secretary



**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Members: Kent Finemore, Chairman, Donald Carlson, Joseph Murray, Christopher Hunt, Gregory Walsh, John Suldenski and Glen Brown, Selectman.

The following is a recap of decisions the Zoning Board made in 1997:

APRIL 1997:

1. Andrew Bittman, 320 Shaker Road applied for a variance to construct a structure 10 ft. from his boundary line. The Board denied the variance.
2. Ronald Burd, Shaker Road, applied for a special exception to construct a Manufactured Housing Park on his property located on Shaker Road. The Board denied the special exception.

SEPTEMBER 1997:

1. Bell Atlantic applied for a variance from side and front setback requirements to construct a telephone utility building on Shaker Road. The Board granted the variance.
2. Alice LaBonte, Sandogardy Pond Road, applied for a variance from the setback requirements pertaining to bodies of water. The Board granted the variance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Shepard
Zoning Board Secretary



ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

The Winter of 1997 brought above normal temperatures, which resulted in considerable rain creating ice problems resulting in a huge increase of salt usage. We experienced two mud seasons, one at the end of February and one the last part of March.

Spring projects consisted of sweeping off streets and the grading of dirt roads.

Summer is always a busy time with road construction. Projects completed were: the recycling of old pavement and repaving of Zion Hill Road. Paving an additional portion of Reservoir Road and Rand Road. Roadside mowing, ditch cleaning and culvert cleaning was also done. The State Aid Reconstruction project on Bay Hill Road was completed. A new bridge on Knowles Pond Road was installed which was also a state aid project.

Fall work consisted of seal coating of several roads; Oak Hill Road, Union Road and Glines Park. This is also the time of year that we start stockpiling winter sand. Regrading of dirt roads are also done.

Winter came very early, first snowstorm of the season was November 14, 1997 bringing with it 9" of snow. There were several more storms in the Month of November with the last storm of 1997 arriving on Christmas Eve.

The employees of the Highway Department would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding during the inclement weather of winter months as well as the construction projects during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E. Cross
Road Agent



NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREETINGS:

The Northfield Police Department experienced a busy, and very productive year in 1997. One of our greatest accomplishments was the completion of the Police State addition. On October 25, 1997 we dedicated the **NEW** Police Station to a citizen, businessman and loyal friend, Lou Croteau. Many of you may have attended this wonderful event, if you didn't, please stop by and see our wonderful office.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our building designer, Dan King (also a Northfield resident) who did such a wonderful job and presented the Town with a very generous donation at the conclusion of his services.

THANKS, DAN!!

The calls for service continue to increase as our community and the area continue to grow. Again this year our revenues have increased over 1996, as of this letter I am continuing to write and request grants. In 1997 we received approximately \$53,000 in revenue. I'm proud to say this is the largest amount of revenue ever, and we are always searching.

We had some staffing changes in 1997, we hired Officer Timothy Dow, a ten year Veteran of the Franklin Police Department, and a Certified DARE Officer. Officer William Whitcher who has worked for us for approximately six years left to seek employment in the private sector. We welcomed Tim and wished Bill well in his new endeavors.

Our Community Policing Programs have expanded to include Lt. Corso giving Drug Identification Programs to Our Teachers, the PTO and Parents. These programs are clearly on track with our plan to bring the community to the people and it is you our citizens who have faith and respect in your Police Department that make our Community such a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the



Northfield Police Department. I would like to thank the members of the Northfield Police Department who work so hard to care about our community and our people, you make me very proud. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Northfield Highway Department, all of the Town Employees, and Committee Members and the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department for all their support.

It remains my goal as your Chief of Police to provide you with the most effective, professional police services, through sound economical practices.

Yours in Public Safety,

Scott E. Hilliard
Chief of Police



NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Arrest	192	200	161	134	204
Summons	294	268	214	258	212
MV Warning	<u>850</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>1,026</u>
Total	1,336	1,444	1,050	1,143	1,442
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Property Checks	10,819	11,728	10,059	9,446	11,003
Accidents	77	81	60	83	84
Pistol Permits	58	116	69	27	23
Total Hours Worked	14,058	15,862	11,891	12,466	13,848
Miles Traveled/ Patrol	61,992	72,925	66,027	88,968	92,564
Incidents	4,656	5,126	4,253	4,627	4,503
Walk In Assist				1,050	1,353

**INCOME GENERATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Reports	362	390	320	340	205
Pistol Permits	568	1,160	710	270	170
Parking Tickets	85	95	75	220	255
Dog Fines	225	320	393	384	199
Miscellaneous	30	281	2	93	59
Witness Fees	1,037	1,468	1,176	1,410	1,480
Restitution Court	2,347	2,402	787	2,368	1,214
Sprint					437
Special Detail					25,448
TOTAL	4,654	6,116	3,463	6,155	29,467



**NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
REVENUES
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Pistol Licenses	\$ 170.00
Dog Fines/Kennel Fees	\$ 199.00
Restitution	\$ 1,213.55
Witness Fees	\$ 1,480.48
Parking Violations	\$ 255.00
Attorney/Insurance Fees	\$ 205.25
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 58.95
Sprint	\$ 436.80
SPECIAL DETAILS:	
Sanbornton	\$ 180.00
NH Lung Assoc.	\$ 150.00
Piscopo (Water Project)	\$ 2,955.00
Merrill (Water Project)	<u>\$22,162.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,466.53



WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Northfield assisted approximately 145 households in 1997. The composition of households consisted of 196 adults and 188 children. The total amount spent on direct assistance was approximately \$56,700.

This year was the first full year of the State Welfare Reform. The object of State Welfare is to limit the length of time a family can stay on state Welfare to 5 years. Families who have been on State Welfare are now referred to the State Employment Agency where they are either found jobs or counseled on training for jobs. While the intent of the limit is applaudable the biggest barrier to these families is the low wages that the job market is paying. A family of three on State Welfare would receive benefits valued at approximately \$15,000. If the singled head of the household goes to work he/she will now be responsible to maintain a car to go to work in, or pay gas for a ride, pay child care expenses not covered by State Child Care Assistance, buy clothes to work in, and have payroll deductions for medical and dental benefits. If the children become sick he/she must take time off from work, which means a less than optimal 40 hours of work each week. This means that the jobs would need to pay at least \$7.25 per hour. Minimum wage for unskilled labor is only at \$5.15 per hour. This past year has seen a rise in the rent costs, most likely due to the influx of people seeking employment in this area. All this adds up to these families coming into the local welfare offices during each financial crisis. The trend that emerges from all these changes is that local welfare assisted fewer families than in previous years, but each family was assisted to a greater extent.

The purpose of local welfare is to assist people on a temporary basis until they either get on a State Welfare program, a Social Security program or until they become self sufficient. Local welfare is designed to be the place of last resort, so everyone is referred immediately to any other agency or program that can provide them with the assistance they are requesting. Some of these programs would be Fuel Assistance, Subsidized Housing, Visiting Nurses and Healthlink.



While predicting the future of welfare is not possible, State Welfare Reform is anticipating the year 2001 when they expect to see their first implementation of denial of benefits due to time limits. The New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association is watching the politics involved with this very closely and hopefully will be able to introduce legislation that will keep the local welfare offices from bearing the brunt of welfare reform.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Stephen
Welfare Administrator



**THE PINES COMMUNITY CENTER
TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL
PO BOX 262, TILTON, NH 03276
286-4723**

The Tilton-Northfield Recreation Council would like to end 1997 by thanking all the participants, volunteers and community members who continue to make the Pines Community Center the success that it is.

1997 was a very favorable year for the Pines Community Center. We now have over 1,100 families and 3,989 individual members. Our daily average attendance varies from 98 to 166 members a day using the center, our busiest time being July. We also hold various programs outside of the building such as swim lessons, skiing, skating, trips, basketball and soccer.

As the years go by we realize that the Pines Community Center is a very important part of our community. Our facilities are used by all ages in the communities, from toddler play time to senior lunches.

1997 was also a very productive time for us as a council. With much hard work and volunteer hours we were able to raise monies to complete our kitchen. We now have kitchen cabinets and all the dishes and cookware that equip it. Our kitchen is now fully operational and able to assist us in raising more funds. We have had several successful fund raisers enabling us to raise money for our building fund. We are planning several different events that we look forward to seeing you there. Our next endeavor is to finish off the basement. It will include 2-3 rooms and large active play area, which will be available for our programs as well as outside organizations. We presently have several organizations that utilize our building such as Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cadets, Brownies, TOPS, Baseball, Softball and several educational groups.

We have had several donations from both businesses and individuals. They have enabled us to equip our game room with new and fun games. They have enabled us to update our Director's office with new computer equipment. To all the businesses and individuals who thought to donate to the Pines



Community Center, **THANK YOU!**

As 1998 is now upon us, it is time for us to set our new goals for the year. Our recreation council is filled with dedicated, hard working individuals, every one of them has made a difference in our council. We publish our fall brochure every fall. We welcome you to stop and pick one up at any time, we have them available always during the year. It lists all of the events that will happen throughout the year. The first week of every month we also have "The Pines Times" a newspaper written by employees of the Pines Community Center and the members. It lists events on a monthly basis with emphasis on "Now Happenings". Our bulletin board located in the hall at the Community Center is also current with new programs and events. Please stop by at any time to find out what is happening!

Last but certainly not least, we would like to thank each one of you for your continued support of the Pines Community Center. It takes whole communities to make a Community Center successful. We meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Our annual meeting is April 13, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

TILTON-NORTHFIELD RECREATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melba Read, Shirley Curdie, Dorene Tilton, Ellen Welch, Pat LaLiberte, Dick Smart, Pam Hunt, Muffy Deleault, Laura Irish, Rose-Marie Welch, Glen Brown, Judy DuPuis and Nancy Chandler

PINES CENTER EMPLOYEES:

Cindy Rose, Bruce Kaler, Jennifer Read, Marion Schofield, Walter Bundy Roland Seymour, Accountant



**SPAW
(SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION OF ARTIFICIAL WILDLIFE)**

Headlines were plentiful as SPAW President, Charles Chandler, Esq. and SPAW Nurturer, Eliza Conde, welcomed the spring flock of plastic pink flamingoes back to "Exit 19".

A harmless prank on NH DOT by a lady with a passion for pink might have ended when Chief Protectorate Scott Hilliard apprehended and released the pinkertrator. But, the Associated Press, CNN and many others flocked around SPAW's noble and valiant efforts.

Many flamingoes have found protection in Northfield. The Hall Memorial Library Building Fund benefited from the adoption of 200 birds.

SPAW members, new and old, were honored with a visit from the flamingo creators, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Featherstone who were the guests of honor for the Old Home Day parade. Town Employees and SPAW members created a tasteful and extremely pink float which featured Ms. Flamingo who appeared in the November issue of Esquire magazine.

The forces of BIGHAW and DDT were held at bay; SPAW members are always in the wings. In our age of depressing news reports, the Concord Monitor chose to feature SPAW in their report on the top stories of 1997. Keep Smiling SPAW members and keep up the good work!!

The SPAW update reported the arrival of our obedient new friend, the flaminguin.

Yours in artificial wildlife protection,
Submitted Respectfully and Anonymously
January 1998

LIVE FREE OR FLY!!



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Winter: Monday - Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Summer: Monday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Trustees:

Sally Lawrence, Life Term
Scott D. McGuffin, Life Term
Edna Southwick, Life Term
Foster Peverly, Term Expires 1998 (Chairman, Tilton Rep.)
Roland Seymour, Term Expires 1998 (Northfield Rep.)

Trustees meet the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Preschool storyhours are held on Fridays at 10:00 am

NH Civil War Roundtable meets the second Saturday of the month.

Circulation statistics:

Adult books	14,261
Children's books	11,584
Periodicals	1,323
Books on tape	2,240
Videos	4,290
Interlibrary loans	238



Total	1997	33,936
	1996	27,762
	1995	24,066

People Count:	1997	23,553 (people using the library daily)
	1996	19,740

New registrations: 444 adults/165 children 1997

Tilton and Northfield voted to raise \$50,000 each toward an addition to make the building handicapped accessible. Eliza Conde will be chairman of the fund raising committee.

We thank the following people who contributed time and money to raise funds for the building project. Joanne Jenks of the Tower Gallery (flamingos), SPAW (t-shirts), Burrett and Rhu McBee (puppet show), Shawn Rundlett (painting), Wordsmith (poetry contest) and everyone who supported their efforts.

Gifts from The Altrusa Club of Laconia, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Pantzer, The Tower Gallery and the Cropsey Family purchased special new books.

Thank you to all the people who have donated books to add to our collection or to our annual summer book sale.

Advanced Plumbing and Heating and First Deposit Bank supported our active summer reading program with bonds to encourage reading. 78 children were enrolled in the program. Warren Rasmussen performed at the Pines Community Center as part of the program. He was funded by a grant from the New Hampshire State Library's Kids, Books and the Arts.

Thank you to volunteers, Jean Wright, Don Abbott, Elaine Ambrose, Donna Burbank, Theresa Pucci and members of the Church of the Later Day Saints. Thanks to Bob Landry for the floral landscaping, the Tilton-Northfield Garden Club for their contributions, to Jim Lambert for the decorations in the



children's room and to Tom Jordan and the Northfield Highway Crew for our beautiful Christmas tree and lights.

The Librarian has enjoyed her school visits to tell stories and promote the library and the classes who have come to be introduced to the public library. Book review teas, the Civil War Roundtable meetings and various programs for children were held during the year. Thank you to all the people who contributed time or refreshments to help with the success of our efforts. It's gratifying to see the increased use of our services.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Burke
Librarian



HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Hall Memorial Library Trustees and staff have had a busy year planning and carrying out the fund raising efforts for the library addition which is currently estimated by the architect to cost \$450,000. Roberta Burke, Librarian, reports an impressive increase in the use of the library by a wide cross section of the residents of both towns.

The Trustees would like to thank the residents of Tilton and Northfield for their generous support for this project. In this year's warrant, the voters of both towns will see an additional request of \$25,000 from each town to bring the total amount of the Building Fund to \$153,000. The support of both towns is even more important than the Trustees had previously anticipated, due to the CDBG rules which require the town to have funds on hand before applying for a matching grant.

The Library Trustees, with the generous support of Joyce May Fulweiler, Northfield Town Administrator, will be filing its CDBG application in June of 1998. Between now and then the Trustees will be soliciting contributions from private donors in addition to each of the towns in order to reach a desired total of \$225,000 to be matched by the grant.

The Library Trustees are grateful for your past, present and future financial support and for your continued confidence in the Hall Memorial Library's ability to grow and improve to respond to the rapidly increasing needs of our communities for information resources.

Thank you.

Foster Peverly
Sally Lawrence
Scott McGuffin

Roland Seymour
Edna Lawrence



**HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - 1997**

Receipts:

Book sale & Other	\$ 1,102.83
Fines, Fees, etc.	\$ 2,585.00
Gifts	\$ 1,075.00
Interest	\$ 155.93
Memorial Book Fund	\$ 55.00
Memorial Trust	\$ 1,866.45
Tilton Trust	\$ 706.28
Town of Northfield	\$37,000.00
Town of Tilton	<u>\$37,000.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$81,546.49

Disbursements:

Admin. & Office Supplies	\$ 3,682.39
Building Maintenance	\$ 827.55
Books & Talking Books	\$14,723.13
Electric	\$ 1,977.28
Heat	\$ 937.96
Insurance	\$ 2,892.00
Janitorial	\$ 1,610.00
Memorial Books	\$ 30.00
Payroll	\$43,107.34
Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,197.98
Periodicals	\$ 2,159.72
Programs	\$ 1,238.31
Repairs office machines	\$ 583.07
Sewer & Water	\$ 110.55
Telephone	\$ 1,321.87
Videos	<u>\$ 533.02</u>
Total Disbursements	\$78,932.17

Roland C. Seymour, Trustee



REPORT OF THE TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT CHIEF

This has been a year that has brought many new and exciting changes to the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department.

One of the biggest changes has been the addition of the new full-time member. We were overwhelmed by the number of applications and are proud of the fact that we hired our newest employee from an impressive, highly qualified pool of applicants. The addition of this full-time firefighter/EMT has eliminated the number of re-tones and requests for mutual aid from other towns during the day. However, as our call numbers continue on their steady rise, we are still struggling to respond to your calls for service during the remaining hours of the day. The necessity for 24 hour coverage is a reality and we should be looking for ways to implement it in the very near future.

In 1997 we took delivery of our "new to us" ambulance. It is a 1995 Braun demonstrator model. Braun is considered to be the "Cadillac" of ambulances and we are proud to have obtained it at a "Toyota" price. This new ambulance has more interior room for the technicians to work and increased compartment space in which to store more life-saving equipment.

With the increased number of new businesses and the ongoing construction in our area, I am called out of the office with greater frequency for inspections and code enforcement. The completed move of our business office to the Park Street Station puts all of our full-time personnel in the same location and makes it easier for you to leave messages, scheduled inspections, obtain permits, lock boxes and code information. It also put personnel within reach of life and property saving equipment and apparatus, allowing them to respond to emergency calls as a team.



1998 looks to be just as busy and with unique challenges that we will work to meet head-on. Thank you for your support in 1997 and remember to dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Harold P. Harbour, Chief
Tilton-Northfield Fire District



TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Winnisquam Regional High School Cafeteria on Monday, March 16, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Fire Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years.
5. To hear the reports of the Treasurer and the Fire Commissioners and pass any vote related thereto.
6. To see if the district will vote to renew the Water Contract and raise money for the same in the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand (\$110,000).
7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred dollars (\$14,700) for the support of the Winnisquam Fire Department.
8. To see if the District will vote to accept the budget as submitted by the Fire Commissioners, and pass any vote in relation thereof.
9. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend money from the State, Federal or other Governmental unit or a private source should any become available during the year.



10. To see what action the District will take relative to the ultimate disposition of accumulated insurance proceeds. Such proceeds are accumulated as a result of proceeds received from insurance companies as a result of transports by the Districts Rescue Squad.
11. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Fire Commissioners to borrow money in Anticipation of Taxes.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A true copy of the Warrant Attest:
Fire Commissioners

Thomas Gallant, Chairman
Andrew Sleeper
Gerard St. Cyr



**TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES 1997
PROPOSED APPROPRIATION 1998**

	1997 Appropriation	1997 Expensed	1998 Proposed Appropriation
Operating Expenses:			
Hydrants	\$ 51,000	\$ 40,149	\$110,000
Insurance	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,924	\$ 29,000
Payroll-Weekly	\$ 56,800	\$ 37,572	\$ 82,500
Payroll-Other	\$ 47,500	\$ 45,951	\$ 46,000
School Training	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,942	\$ 14,000
Alarm System	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
New Equipment	\$ 10,600	\$ 31,020	\$ 10,600
Truck Maintenance	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,463	\$ 18,000
Station Maintenance	\$ 18,000	\$ 27,439	\$ 23,000
Equipment Maint.	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,736	\$ 6,000
Equipment Replacement	\$ 13,000	\$ 12,225	\$ 13,000
Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,055	\$ 1,200
Office Supplies	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,531	\$ 2,500
Administration	\$ 31,600	\$ 37,233	\$ 35,100
Election & Registration	\$ 120	\$ 280	\$ 135
Interest Expense	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,031	\$ 3,100
Truck Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Dry Hydrants	\$ 1,000	\$ 273	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,779	\$ 3,000
Medical Supplies	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,906	\$ 5,000
Winnisquam Fire Dept.	\$ 13,050	\$ 13,050	\$ 14,700
 Total Operating Expenses	 \$340,170	 \$335,053	 \$438,335
Special Appropriation:			
Winn. Fire Dept-Article 8	\$ 34,600	\$ 34,600	\$ 0
Rescue Truck	\$ 46,900	\$ 46,900	\$ 0
Total Special Appropriations	\$ 81,500	\$ 81,500	\$ 0
 Grand Total Budget	 \$421,670	 \$416,553	 \$438,335



**TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS- 1/1/97 TO 12/31/97**

Operating Account:

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 149.83
Deposits	\$373,011.62
Total Available	\$378,161.45
Disbursed	\$376,661.45
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 1,500.00

Payroll Account:

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 2,008.66
Interest Earned	\$ 86.86
Deposits	\$104,787.88
Total Available	\$106,883.40
Disbursed	\$105,509.17
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 1,374.23

Money Market:

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 78,511.25
Interest Earned	\$ 1,074.04
Deposits	\$344,716.62
Total Available	\$424,301.91
Disbursed	\$403,942.87
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 20,359.04

Insurance Proceeds:

Balance January 1, 1997	\$ 36,457.20
Interest Earned	\$ 1,841.12
Deposits	\$ 39,359.47
Total Available	\$ 77,657.79
Disbursed	\$ 50,524.00
Balance December 31, 1997	\$ 27,133.79



REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

**1997 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	03
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHRV	00
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

TOTAL FIRES 726
TOTAL ACRES 177.17

“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”

Respectfully submitted,

Lee A. Gardner, Forest Ranger
Harold P. Harbour, Forest Fire Warden



SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

1997 showed an improvement in our recycling tonnages. We recycled 20 tons more than in 1996. This is a good start but we all need to try harder. The more that is recycled decreases the amount sent to the incinerator or landfill which decreases the amount the Town has to pay in disposal fees.

	<u>TONNAGES</u>	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Aluminum	1.82	1.97
Cardboard	17.63	21.35
Glass	5.70	10.18
Magazines/Books	10.16	9.48
Mixed Office Paper	1 .03	1.33
Newspaper	22.83	31.01
Plastics	3.73	4.93
Tin Cans	5.02	5.50
Textiles	<u>2.15</u>	<u>4.27</u>
Total	70.07	90.02

Our cost avoidance for these recyclables was \$3,510.78; the amount the Town would have paid to the incinerator for disposal.

Out of the 79.84 tons that were marketed (glass is utilized by the Highway Department in construction projects) we received \$2,042.52 in revenues. Prices for recyclables have slowly increased from 1996 but are still at a low. The Town received a check from the Cooperative in the amount of \$523.38 for the number of tons that we recycled and stayed below our GAT (Guaranteed Annual Tonnage). This was considerably lower than in past years due to the fact that we were only under our GAT by 13.42 tons. Because of this, we have been forced to increase the Town's GAT by 100 tons, an additional cost to the Town of \$3,800.00 The more that is RECYCLED the less the Town has to pay!!



TONNAGE

Waste delivered to the incinerator	2,086.58
Waste delivered to the landfill	167.80
Scrap metal recycled	70.22
Shingles	55.67
Recyclables	<u>90.02</u>
Total	2,470.29

According to Solid Waste experts, New Hampshire's landfill capacity will be exhausted by the year 2010. As a result of this, we are likely to see rising disposal costs within a few years. Traditionally, New Hampshire makes good use of the resources it has at hand. We have to look at our trash as a valuable resource! This is one environmental concern that we can control in our own lives and our own communities. We all have to keep in mind that our efforts of today will benefit the environment of future years. Hopefully, 1998 will continue to show an improvement in the recycling tonnages. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the Recycling Center, please talk with the attendant on duty or call me at 286-4482 or 286-4490.

The Recycling Center is located off Sargent Street and is open Wednesday 12-4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Huckins
Recycling Coordinator



PARK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1997

BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 1996 \$ 152.23

INCOME:

Services & Lots	\$16,430.00
Interest Tilton Trust Funds	\$15,599.09
Town of Northfield	\$ 1,750.00
Town of Tilton	\$ 1,750.00
Foundations & Markers	\$ 1,319.02
Interest 1st Deposit	\$ 113.71
Northfield Trust Funds	\$ 49.68
Gas Refund	\$ 97.02
Donations	<u>\$ 800.00</u>

Subtotal

\$37,908.52

Total Income

\$38,060.75

EXPENSES:

Wages	\$16,732.25
Taxes (Employee Income & S.S.)	\$ 3,950.91
Telephone	\$ 339.80
Electricity	\$ 337.57
Oil/Gas	\$ 398.82
Parts/Equipment	\$ 775.14
Supplies	\$ 211.31
Insurance	\$ 2,834.00
Office Supplies	\$ 128.00
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 6,237.50
Dues	\$ 10.00
Memorial Pots	\$ 108.41
Tools	\$ 184.37
Snow Removal	\$ 100.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Openings	\$ 275.00
Portable Toilets	\$ 315.00



Newspaper Ad	\$ 57.80
Signs	<u>\$ 183.00</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$34,178.88</u>
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1997	\$ 3,881.87

INVESTED FUNDS:

Perpetual Care Funds	\$17,771.24*
Perpetual Care C.D.	\$23,113.12*
Dias Fund	\$ 6,524.89*
Investment Fund	\$ 9,362.23
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,538.83

*Interest only may be expended

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Huckins
Secretary/Treasurer



TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

The Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Committee would like to take this chance to thank all the people and businesses that made the Old Home Day a huge success. The committee is made up of a handful of hard working people, but without the support of the community, Old Home Day would not be possible.

We honored Marion Houlihan from Northfield and Ken Nash from Tilton as Citizens of the Year for 1997. Bob and Diane Watson started the day off with a very successful road race. Once the shot is fired not only the race is off but the day as well. This year the race proceeds will be going toward the DARE Program with the help of the Northfield Police Department.

Also, last year we added an antique tractor pull on Sunday that went over fairly well. Steve Swain and Wilbur Ball took the task of running the tractor pull and did a very good job. Harry and Harry's Chicken B.B.Q. sold out early as usual. Best chicken around.

As Chairman, I can't thank the committee enough for the uncounted amount of hours they put into the event.

Again, a round of applause to everyone involved.

Mike Summersett, Chairman
Old Home Day Committee

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mike Summersett, Chairman, Tony Cross, Co-Chairman, Carol Cross, Treasurer, Marion Houlihan, Secretary, Bob Watson, Diane Watson, Joyce Summersett, Bob Nicol, Doris Nesbit, Mary Ann Witham and Wayne Huckins

**TILTON-NORTHFIELD OLD HOME DAY**

Budget October 1996-October 1997

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1996 \$2,403.99

INCOME:

Town of Northfield	\$2,000.00
Town of Tilton	\$2,000.00
Gate Donations	\$1,155.10
Raffle	\$ 733.00
Fish Pond	\$ 236.00
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 19.69
Road Race	\$ 971.00
Booths	\$ 510.00
BBQ	\$1,037.00
French Fries	\$ 916.76
T-Shirts	\$ 343.00
Ads & Donations	\$4,972.00
Tractor Pull	\$ 88.00
Refund (for change)	\$1,250.00
Interest on Funds	<u>\$ 72.69</u>

Subtotal Income \$16,304.24

TOTAL INCOME: \$18,708.23

EXPENSES:

Fireworks	\$4,000.00
Parade & Trophies	\$2,711.00
Oriental Trading Co.	\$ 226.08
Ossipee Mt. Electronics	\$ 140.00
DJ for Dances	\$ 275.00
Taylor Rental	\$ 200.00
Piper Printing	\$ 612.20
Honey Comb Theater	\$ 450.00
Spoofs Gabbling Circus	\$ 300.00



Granite State Race Ser.	\$ 350.00
Piche's (T-Shirts/Hats Road Race)	\$ 884.05
Postage	\$ 158.80
Prize Monies	\$1,300.00
Horse Pull	\$ 100.00
Brother's Donuts	\$ 20.00
Kidder Fuel	\$ 51.00
Shop N Save	\$ 56.64
JJ Nissen	\$ 50.00
DeRoy's	\$ 69.36
C.S. Woods	\$1,310.14
Blossom Shop	\$ 60.00
Mulligans	\$ 214.04
Tractor Pull	\$ 240.00
T/N Explorer Post #875	\$ 250.00
B&S Septic	\$ 220.00
Change Monies	<u>\$1,250.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$15,498.31

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1997: \$3,209.92

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cross
Treasurer



SUPERVISOR'S OF THE CHECKLIST

The aim of the Supervisors of the Checklist of Northfield has been to streamline the process of registration for the convenience of the people of Northfield. It is for this reason that authorization has been given to the Town Clerk and the Deputy Town Clerk to register voters during their office hours so that prospective voters are not limited to our scheduled sessions.

If there is a doubt in your mind as to whether you are registered, check our current checklist which is available at the Northfield Town Hall and at the Police Station. Should you find that your name is not on the checklist, then either register with the Town Clerk or come to a regular meeting of the Supervisors. When we have scheduled sessions for additions and corrections to the checklist, we advertise the session dates in the Laconia Citizen newspaper; we post a notice on the outside bulletin board at the Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office and the outside bulletin board at Jim's Drive-In.

By new state legislation, we now are able to register to vote during any election and be able to vote that day. Please note that this does not include the Saturday Town Meeting Day or the School or Fire District meetings.

Effective December 10, 1996 we have been informed by the Secretary of State's Office that pursuant to RSA 652:11; a party must receive at least 3% of the total number of votes cast for the office of governor at a general election to keep their party status. The Libertarian gubernatorial candidate only received 1.1% of the total votes cast for governor in the 1996 general election, resulting in the loss of party status for the libertarians.

All voters registered as libertarians are now considered "undeclared" and a correction to that effect will be made on the checklist at the next designated time for updating checklists. Effective immediately, no person shall be registered as a libertarian.

Although the libertarian party may place their nominees on the next general election ballot through nomination papers, voters must be informed that there will be **no** libertarian primary election in 1998.



If you should have any questions on registration procedures, please check with the Town Clerk's office or the Supervisor's of the Checklist.

Registered voters:	Democrat	584
	Republican	903
	Undeclared	874

Total registered voters:	2,361
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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Anne Steady
Deborah Wheeler
Elaine M. Lamanuzzi



NORTHFIELD PINES COMMITTEE

The Northfield Pines Committee with the assistance from State Foresters' Sumner Dole and Tim Fleury, after numerous meetings, came up with many ideas to assist in trying to save the Pines Area and the major items were accomplished.

Some of the old pines that were diseased were taken down, some small replacements were planted, and hopefully they will take. The Dearborn Road side is outlined with rocks so vehicles cannot enter.

Through the generous donations we received from businesses in the Towns of Northfield and Tilton and some individual citizens, we were able to purchase signs and fencing.

With the assistance of Dan Jordan and the local snowmobile club in this area, a designated area for snowmobiles is clearly marked and speed signs in place.

We now have three main entrances to the Pines Area, two entrances have welcome signs and Rules and Regulations for use of the Pines.

1. Entrance on Dearborn Road.
2. Entrance by the Horse Ring.
3. Entrance by Police Station.

Once again we would like to thank all of you that were involved in assisting the committee in accomplishing their goals. Special thanks to the Northfield Highway Department and Brian and Howard Young.

PINES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thomas Jordan, Chairman
Scott Hilliard
Sally Robert
Albert Cross
Evelyn Lloyd

Don Abbott, Recording Secretary
Harry Laughy
Tim Fleury
Sumner Dole



LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL

Throughout the past year, Lakes Region Community Services Council has continued to provide comprehensive services to several Northfield residents who have developmental disabilities. At present, three adults receive residential care, day-habitation and vocational programs. A corresponding door-to-door transportation service is provided to them each workday. In addition, there is one family with a developmentally disabled child who receives services from our Family Support Department.

Our transportation network, the "Greater Laconia Transit Agency" (GLTA), also serves the general public. Nearest to Northfield are our public routes between Laconia and Concord and Franklin. Fundamentally however, our vehicles will continue to travel to and from Northfield each day, transporting those residents who have developmental disabilities, to work and community activities in the Lakes Region. Funding from the town, has been and will continue to be, earmarked for support of this transportation system.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Maguire
Assistant Executive Director



LAKES REGION FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Lakes Region Family Service Association, Inc. is a private, non-profit social service agency dedicated to strengthening all families by establishing programs to promote healthy relationships among adults, parents and their children. Lakes Region Family Service has been offering quality programs to individuals and families of Northfield and the Lakes Region for over 27 years from our primary location in Laconia, NH. Our mission is to support and empower families.

The agency has five core programs which include Counseling for children, teens, adults and families; Parent/Child, Family, Peer, Marital and Tenant/Tenant Mediations; Family Support, including Parent Aide, Home/School and Supervised Visitation Programs; Child Advocacy and the Family Life Institute which offers a wide variety of Parenting Education, Workshops and Therapy Groups for children, teens and adults. Counseling Services are offered with a sliding scale fee or insurance reimbursement. Evening and Saturday hours are available. Child Advocacy services for children under the age of 18 who have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused and their non-offending parents are paid for by a VOCA Grant. Parent/Child, Family and Peer Mediations are also grant funded. Other services are offered at affordable rates. Lakes Region Family Service is committed to offering quality services that are both accessible and affordable to individuals throughout the Lakes Region.

Anyone interested in further information about any of our programs, please call Lakes Region Family Service at 524-5835.

Sincerely,

Judith Thelen Dingman
Public Relations Director



LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lakes Region Planning Commission is a voluntary, non-profit association of local governments formed for the purpose of bringing area municipalities together. By associating and pooling resources, local governments have access to a highly trained professional staff for a wide variety of services. The LRPC works to benefit the member communities and the region overall. The LRPC has expertise in land use and transportation planning, master planning, environmental planning, capital improvement programming, economic and community development, housing, fiscal and environmental impact analysis, geographic information systems, household hazardous waste collections, engineering and site plan review. Circuit rider planning and public facilitation services are also available from the Commission.

Your support helps the LRPC maintain a regional presence working on behalf of all local governments in the Lakes Region. Over the past year the LRPC:

- * Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- * Presented a public workshop for local land use boards and the public on the application of biosolids.
- * Convened a public workshop on conservation open-space zoning for planning board members and others interested in conserving the amount of open space in their communities.
- * Completed and distributed a comprehensive update of the "Lakes Region Transportation Plan". The Transportation Plan is the policy document which supports additions to the regional and state transportation improvement programs.
- * Completed and approved the 1997 Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which prioritized local transportation projects. Submitted the TIP to the NH Department of Transportation for consideration in the State Transportation Improvement Program, as required under State Statute.
- * Represented the Region on the N.H. Heritage Trail Advisory



Committee.

- * Continued to update the digital regional land use map using geographic information system technology.
- * Provided support and helped shape area economic development policy as a board member of the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Received funding to support regional economic development from the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- * Continued to monitor progress by the State that would lead to the opening of Governor's State Park along Lake Winnisquam as a member of the Governor's State Park Advisory Committee.
- * Served as the Lakes Region's data clearinghouse for U.S. Census, demographic and statistical data. These data are available to community officials and the public.
- * Retained regional interest in locating a state sponsored conference facility in the Lakes Region.
- * Provided support to the U.S. Americorps staff who focused on working with local land owners on issues related to water quality and land management.
- * As part of the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, the LRPC staffed the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee.
- * Completed a report that compares single-day household hazardous waste (HHW) collections with permanent HHW collection facilities.
- * Established subareas of the Lakes Region as forums to discuss regional planning issues.
- * Initiated a planning process for the development of applications to the State Transportation Enhancement Program
- * Developed an informational brochure on Access Management techniques that municipalities can use to improve vehicle movement and safety along our roadways.

We look forward to serving Northfield in the future. Feel free to contact us at 279-8171 whenever we can be of assistance.

Thank you for your support.

Kim Koulet, Executive Director

Lakes Region Planning Commission



NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In January 1997 we had election of officers:

Lois Caveney, President
Linnia Riley, Vice President
Marion Houlihan, Secretary
Elois Lyford, Treasurer
Steve Randall, Director Elected
Robert Leighton, Director Elected
Pat Havumaki, Director Elected

We had a good year with many interesting programs arranged by Dick Smart and Gerard St. Cyr.

In April we had Robert Woodward speaking on "The World of Insects". In May we had Elaine Seibol with a program called "Birds, Bees and Butterflies". In June, Patrick Anderson showed old films on Charlie Chaplin and others. July was the Pot Luck Supper at the home of Dick and Lois Caveney. In September our program was on "The Great Depression". In October we had the pleasure of hearing Mavis Rutherford read Favorite Old Poems. For November we had Christine Fonda who talked about National Historic Resources and local buildings and places that had benefited from this fund. In December we got together at the home of Gerard and Connie St. Cyr for a pot luck supper and visiting.

We lost many active and dear friends this year: Charles Dwinal, Clayton Flanders, Jeanne Flanders, Gordon Hill, Evelyn Lloyd, John Lyford and Velma Simpson. We will miss them.

Our biggest project this year has been the actual printing of the new Northfield History. The soft cover history is \$20.00 and is available at the Northfield Town Hall. The hard cover history is available by ordering in advance and is \$35.00.



We formed a Cemetery Committee that located 10 cemeteries and burial places in Northfield. We hope to get them on a map of Northfield. If you know of family plots that we don't have, we would be interested in hearing of them.

We can always use new members. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Northfield Town Hall on the third Monday of the month. After the meeting we visit and have refreshments.

Submitted,

Lois Caveney
President



NORTHFIELD POSTAL COMMITTEE

The Committee is pleased to report that this year, the US Post Office entered into a Private Contract with Northfield Building Supply, also known henceforth as NBS.

The Post Office Contract Station opened May 15, 1997. The hours of operation are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday; and 8:30 am until 12:00 pm on Saturday. Although, NBS has been known to further assist residents outside the established set hours.

Mike Downing, owner of NBS, and Bruce Robert, Sales Associate, report that the volume of sales has been good. They offer stamps, packing and shipping supplies and process all mail services, i.e. priority, certified mail, registered mail based within the United States. The mail is picked up daily and some times twice a day for sorting and out-going processing through the Tilton, NH Post Office. There are still more Postal Boxes for residents to rent at NBS. All one needs to do, is go to the Tilton, NH Post Office to start the paperwork to transfer or open a box in Northfield.

The conveniences this Contract Service offers are:

- * **Sidewalk access**
- * **Handicap Accessibility**
- * **Convenient location without traffic congestion**
- * **A friendly hometown neighborly "Welcome" to those NBS serves**
- * **NBS is always willing to assist and lend a helping hand, especially to the town's elderly.**

The Tilton Post Office is now supplying NBS with more advertising, such as signs regarding deadlines for shipping, which proved especially handy for residents at Christmas. Christmas proved fast-paced and NBS enjoyed the many patrons who sought to do their Postal shipping with them.

As needs present themselves, NBS expresses its needs to Tilton or to the Consumer Specialist based at the Manchester, NH Post Office. This has allowed NBS to better serve both Northfield and Tilton residents as an active



Private Postal Contract Service.

The philosophy at NBS, stated Bruce Robert, is they (NBS) are offering services aimed to please everyone.

The Postal Committee is grateful that NBS and the US Post Office are meeting Northfield's needs. The Committee further encourages residents to enjoy this Postal contract service with its many conveniences aimed to assist all our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay Nutter
Postal Committee Chairperson



NORTHFIELD SEWER COMMISSION

The Northfield Sewer Commission reports another uneventful year in the operation of the system. The usual maintenance items were handled by Albert Cross' crew, and reimbursements were made to the Town of Northfield for their expenses. Expenditures for the year were under budget by \$6,418.89. The unexpended amount will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund and used for future improvements and/or expansions of the system.

There are several improvements anticipated for 1998. These include the installation of a clean-out on Cofran Avenue, and the repair to the clean-out on lower Park Street.

There are no anticipated large purchases of equipment this year. In the past three years the Commission had purchased a pressure line flusher, a trailer mounted unit which allows Town Employees to do line flushing. In the past, it was necessary to contract with another town to have flushing done, and the expense was considerable.

In 1997 the Commission purchased an electronic line locator. Due to the age and haphazard development of the Northfield Sewer System, there were many instances of employees having to conduct time-consuming searches for unmarked lines for repair. They can now locate sewer lines in a matter of minutes, saving valuable time and lowering expenses.

The annual meeting of the Sewer Commission is scheduled for March 17, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northfield Town Hall. Anyone interested in this fascinating operation is welcome to attend. Free samples will be available.

Northfield Sewer Commission,

Rob Steady
Owen Clifford
George Prescott



NORTHFIELD-TILTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

1997 HIGHLIGHTS

Starting in January, the NTEDC coordinated the design, construction and placement of a information/directional sign which is located in the Northfield Pines (Exit 19). As a means to attract motorists to our sign, the Department of Transportation added directional **information** signs on the off ramp at Exit 19 and on Route 132. The sign is a detailed street map of the Town of Northfield listing each road name, Town Offices and Arch Park. Northfield businesses were contacted and given an option to place their logo around the border.

An ongoing project has been the revitalization of the Surette Battery Building and to assist the Town of Northfield in submitting for grant money to complete an environmental study on the building and grounds to determine what hazardous materials need to be cleaned up, the cost and how the new Brownfields legislature effects the ability of the Town or other parties to acquire this property without future environmental liability.

The NTEDC continues to support the School-to-Work Program of the WRSD by our members direct participation in programs and financially by donating the cost for awards and invitations for the Appreciation Night. A member attended a grant writing conference for the Main Street Program and reported back as to the application process, costs involved and what volunteer effort would be required by the area residents, business owners and town officials.

Throughout the year we had two entrepreneurs club meetings at the Northfield Train Station. The topic of the first meeting was loan programs and the application process for business financing. Presentations were given by the SBA, Newfound Economic Development (regional) and Working Capital. The second meeting was business startup basics, Janice Kitchen from the Small Business Development Center discussed topics starting with name registration to what's involved in developing a business plan. Barbara Wirth of WRHS school-to-work coordinator spoke about Web Page development program the students at WRHS are creating to assist local businesses to develop a Web Page. Each of these meetings were extremely informative and many



networking contacts have been developed by the attendees as a result.

Plans to develop a multi-use recreational trail along a portion of the existing sewer interceptor in Franklin have been submitted to the Lakes Region Planning Commission for funding by the Chamber of Commerce. The NTEDC notified the Tilton Rotary and the Winnisquam Vitalization Association of this project and all have submitted letters of support to the Lakes Region Planning Commission for the Franklin project including an effort to further the trail through Northfield and Tilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven V. Bauer, President, NTEDC



SAVINA HARTWELL MEMORIAL FREE CONCERTS TILTON ISLAND PARK/SAVINA HARTWELL BANDSTAND

To the Selectmen, Town of Northfield:

We had a great season of concerts in 1997. Our record for attendance for a single concert was over 700 and our average was over 500 per concert. The “Old Favorite” bands, *Never’s*, *Amoskeag Strummers*, *Colada* and *Rusty RockStar Roadshow*, which have performed for us the last three and/or four years were great crowd pleasers again, and are back on the schedule for 1998 as are two of this year’s “second time on the Island” bands, *East Bay Jazz Ensemble*, and *Sweet, Red Hot & Sassy*, both of which also drew an outstanding response from our audiences.

This years’ newcomers to the Island Bandstand, *Annie and the Orphans*, *Karen Morgan & Pony Express* and *Swell Party*, and were outstanding additions to the schedule and will perform for us again in 1998, as will *2nd Wind*, who performed for us in our 1996 series. The full schedule for 1998 is enclosed with this letter and as usual lists our Co-Sponsors, which I think is an indicator of the community’s commitment to the Free Concerts. Many of our sponsors are “Old Favorites” too, as several have provided financial support almost from the beginning in 1993, for which I have been, and continue to be very grateful. The radio stations were very gracious and provide a lot of airtime for our Public Service Announcements of the Concerts, and the Newspapers were very generous with space and ran articles weekly publicizing the various bands and concert dates.

I cannot even begin to convey my appreciation to everyone for all of their help in making the concerts a success. So then, this is the time of the year when I count my blessings, of which there are many, share my satisfaction and **THANK YOU**, the Northfield Selectmen, for joining the Town of Tilton in providing financial support, thus making the Concerts truly a community event.

Sincere Best Wishes,
Alan Hartwell



**TILTON & NORTHFIELD'S SUMMERTIME CLASSIC SERIES OF
1998 SAVINA HARTWELL MEMORIAL FREE CONCERTS
SUNDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 TO 9:00 PM**

Refreshments Available or Bring Your Own/Bring Chairs or Blankets

JUNE 28	THE NEVER'S BAND Co-Sponsor: Ken Partridge Construction
JULY 5	AMOSKEAG STRUMMERS Co-Sponsor: Providian National Bank
JULY 12	EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE Co-Sponsor: The Gale Insurance Agency
JULY 19	ANNIE AND THE ORPHANS Co-Sponsor: Tilt'n Diner
JULY 26	KAREN MORGAN/PONY EXPRESS Co-Sponsor: Franklin Savings Bank
AUGUST 2	SWEET, RED HOT & SASSY Co-Sponsor: Providian National Bank
AUGUST 9	RUSTY ROCKSTAR ROADSHOW Co-Sponsor: Jack Willey's Motorcycle Supplies
AUGUST 16	2ND WIND: BLUEGRASS Co-Sponsor: Concord Savings Bank CFX
AUGUST 23	COLADA/BOMBERS Co-Sponsor: Wyman-Gordan Investment Castings
AUGUST 30	ANOTHER BAND Co-Sponsor: Bryant & Lawrence/Pauli's Restaurant

SAVINA HARTWELL BANDSTAND/TILTON ISLAND PARK

Underwritten in part by the Towns of Tilton and Northfield

Presented by Alan Hartwell and Kris Meinhold



UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the federal government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the areas of Natural Resources and Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from state-wide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and Youth Development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many of the communities in a variety of ways. The Community Profile was held in two communities in the past year. This community event works through a process to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then works through a process that helps form action groups to reach their goals. Follow up support is available from



UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, Master Gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every 4 families in the county.

Visit our **new** office, located next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday-Friday, 8 AM until 4:00 PM. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://ceinfo.unh.edu).

Submitted,

Judith Bush



UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Following recommendations from its **Management Plan**, the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) implemented many diverse river conservation and protection projects during 1997.

The Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program, a volunteer water quality monitoring program, worked in partnership with state and local government, nonprofit organizations, citizens, students and local businesses to complete its third successful year. The UMRLAC is grateful for the support from the conservation commissions to continue this work. This year, a portion of samples will be processed by a professional laboratory to expedite results and as quality control/quality assurance to increase data credibility and define the role of volunteer-generated data. An additional grant has been applied for to assist the UMRLAC in generating a "State of the Upper Merrimack" report which will detail water quality data including chemical and bacteria testing, habitat surveys and biological assessment using benthic macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects). UMRLAC applied for and received a second grant from the Merrimack River Initiative's Local Involvement Grant Program. The funds were used to purchase equipment and materials to assist UMRLAC volunteers in their continuing efforts in outreach and education in the upper Merrimack River watershed. This year, Governor Shaheen was the special guest of the UMRLAC in observance of Earth Day. The Governor donned waders and used an aquatic kicknet to collect macroinvertebrates and learn about water quality in the upper Merrimack. Other outreach efforts included presentations at the NH Association of Conservation Commission Annual Meeting, the Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Network Conference, the Appalachian Mountain Club River Leadership School, Merrimack Valley Middle School River Ecology Curriculum, the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program Conference and NH Public Radio's "The Exchange". Bug Identification workshops were held in Franklin High School and at our new partner's facility, St. Paul's School in Concord. New volunteers are always welcome. Please join us and have fun learning about river ecology!

Alicia Lehrer, Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Network Coordinator, assisted the committee in establishing structure and documentation for their water quality monitoring program. Working with UMRLAC representatives,



a fundraising strategy, study design and strategic plan were published. Geoff Dates of the River Watch Network provided assistance with macroinvertebrate identification and a data management system which will assist UMRAC in interpreting data and producing biological assessment reports.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee is on the Internet! Please visit our website, hosted by the NH Department of Environmental Services, at <http://www.state.nh.us/des/upperme1.htm>. Included at the site is information on the river, committee membership, activities, maps, water quality data and photographs of UMRAC volunteers.

Kerrie Diers of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission provided invaluable assistance to UMRAC. Kerrie worked with UMRAC representatives to create an implementation model for its **Management Plan** in Canterbury. Future plans include working with Bow and Concord to assist those communities in implementing the **Plan** and assisting the UMRAC with a strategic planning process.

As part of its state-established duties under RSA 483:8-a, the UMRAC reviewed and commented on several river-related proposals including the Veteran's Cemetery and agricultural sludge application in Boscawen, the final phase of the Sewall's Fall access site project in Concord, a proposed campground in Canterbury and Army Corps of Engineers plans in Franklin. As always, the representatives thank Jim MacCartney, State Rivers Coordinator for his invaluable assistance and technical support.

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee held its annual meeting in October and elected the following slate of officers: Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Steven Lowe, Vice-Chair; Susan Paschell, Secretary and Stephen Robinson, Treasurer. The UMRAC meetings are held on a rotating basis in the six represented communities. The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. For meeting schedules, locations and more information, contact Michele Tremblay, Chair, at 796-2615, email at mtrembla@kear.tdsnet.com. If you are interested in being a representative for the Town of Northfield, please contact Michele Tremblay.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele L. Tremblay, Chairperson



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN

In 1997 the federal government put in place a new law that radically changes how Medicare pays for home health services. Unfortunately, this law will have dire effects for the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin (and V.N.A.'s across the country). This will have an impact on our ability to provide care to patients with long term needs. Under the new system the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin, which is one of the lowest costs providers in the country, is being severely penalized. The new payment formula uses the V.N.A. of Franklin's payment rate from 1993. It also treats all patients alike, with no increase in reimbursement for patients with complex needs.

Despite this payment change, our goal remains the same as it has always been - to provide the support and teaching as well as clinical care that enables our patients to comfortably manage at home while gaining the ability to become independent. While we will do all we can within our mission and our means to ensure our ability to care for patients, we know this new payment system will not pay us enough to cover the cost of care the government has promised to provide to the elders. This inadequate funding will undoubtedly force us to change the level of care we provide. With Medicare creating per patient caps and no longer providing adequate reimbursement to cover long term needs, we will be forced to limit care unless we can attract additional funds from other sources.

The \$11,500.00 that we request from Northfield obviously will not cover the cost of long term care. It serves as a safety net for uninsured and short term care.

We need your help to avoid putting the people of Northfield at risk. We've encouraged the public to contact our U.S. Senators and Representatives to let them know our concerns about these cuts in home health services and to urge them to provide adequate reimbursement for home health care to minimize this CRISIS.

**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF FRANKLIN****1997 Service Statistics**

Skilled Nursing Visits	1,490
Home Health Aide	2,483
Physical Therapy	262
Occupational Therapy	139
Speech Therapy	70
Homemaker Visits	933 (1862 units)
Support Services	166
Hospice	13
Office Visits	29
Child Health Services	4
Community Health	70
Medical Social Worker	<u>105</u>
TOTAL	5,764

The Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin sincerely appreciates your financial support and the support from Roland Seymour, Catherine Beaulieu and Annette Paquette from your community who actively serve on our Board of Directors. We are determined to work TOGETHER and find a way to meet your communities home health needs. We can be reached at 934-3454, 24 hours per day. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ward Tetley, RN, MS
Executive Director



YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton, Inc.

The program continues to serve the communities of Sanbornton, Tilton and Northfield, the youth, families and townspeople. Thirty-three young people between the ages of twelve and eighteen took part in the sixteen hour Challenge Course sponsored by the Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant. Five youths went through the YES Program, a shoplifters prevention program, and thirteen youths did community service work ordered by the courts.

Hal Graham from Sanbornton worked with many of our kids doing community service work for the Trailwrights, BRATTS and Heritage Trail. They cleared hiking trails, installed waterbars for drainage and rebuilt rock steps. They worked on Belknap Mountain, Gunstock, the Heritage Trail between Franklin and Sanbornton and other areas. Much more work is needed since the ice storm this January. Hal has been great with these young people. They have had an opportunity to give of their time and energy to our community and to learn some important lessons about this beautiful area in which they live. Some of the other community service sites and projects in 1997 were the Veterans Home, library, police stations, roadways and public areas for trash pickup and individual aid to community members in need.

Cases come to the Youth Assistance Program for crimes such as shoplifting, theft, assault, possession of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, truancy, incorrigible behavior, criminal mischief, fire setting, vandalism and others. Youths are required to pay restitution for stolen items and damage done to property. Apologies are required in most cases. Projects relating to the offense and other personal issues of each youth are often a part of each contract. We spend more time with each youth than similar programs. Most contracts require three months to complete and when needed we see the individual for an extended period of time. Our most recently compiled statistics on recidivism show that 89% of the youth who completed our Court Diversion Program did not get in trouble with the law again.



The Youth Assistance Program works closely with the police, schools and townspeople. We are grateful for the support given. The program continues to be effective because of the people who care about the very important resource of our young people.

Board of Directors: Marion Abbott, Janice Boudreau, Kent Chapman, Charles Chase, Hal Graham, Marilyn Hennessey, Scott Hilliard, Ellen Lang, Linda Pardy, David Poisson, Gail Sharpe, Dick Smart and Rick Stewart.

STATISTICS

Court Diversion Cases	44
Counseling Cases	17
Court Ordered Services	13
Adult Participation	35
Total Youth Participation	143

<u>FINANCES:</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expended</u>
	\$81,826	\$82,023

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Douglass, Director
Dawn B. Shimberg, Assistant Director



**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
01/31/97	Scott Charles Mello Kathryn Ann Leighton	Northfield Northfield
03/04/97	Mark Anthony Auger Laraine Ann Whiting	Northfield Northfield
03/14/97	Gary D. Andrews Cheryl Ann Migneault	Northfield Northfield
03/17/97	Harry James Laughy III Jennifer Jean King	Northfield Franklin
04/05/97	Joseph James Laramie Jennifer Lee Brown	Conway Northfield
04/18/97	Kenneth Martin Gorrell Alicia Jane Cooper	Northfield Northfield
05/10/97	David Paul Audet Charity Anne Labrum	Northfield Northfield
05/10/97	Jeffrey Scott Caldon Stephanie L. Montgomery	Tilton Northfield
05/17/97	Denny L. French Korene M. Tyler	Northfield Northfield
05/17/97	Mark Anthony Lamanuzzi II Sande Lynn Boutin	Northfield Northfield
05/24/97	Randy Lee Chamberlain Drina Pearl Harbour	Northfield Northfield
05/24/97	Jody Allen Pelletier Deanna Lynn Acres	Northfield Northfield
05/24/97	Maurice Paul Sampson Melissa Ann Farrell	Northfield Northfield



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Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
05/31/97	Zachary Earle Chandler Kristin Jane Dascoulias	Northfield Sanbornton
05/31/97	Joseph B. Legerstee Lori A. Spooner	Northfield Northfield
06/01/97	Benjamin Elijah Belanger Angel Marie Junkins	Northfield Northfield
06/07/97	Matthew Chandler Steady Mary Elizabeth Prescott	Northfield Northfield
06/21/97	Walter William Pletch Sharon Francine Carter	Northfield Northfield
06/21/97	Philip Charles Colprit Andrea Lynne Boucher	Northfield Northfield
06/21/97	Todd Richard Woods Patricia Karen Cross	Northfield Northfield
06/28/97	Richard Paul Freeman, Jr. Ann Marie Gauthier	Northfield Northfield
07/04/97	David Anthony Bourque Darlene Marie Wilson	Northfield Northfield
07/04/97	William Otho Stokes Diana Mae Kinney	Northfield Northfield
07/08/97	Mark Stuart Ross Tracey Lee Mahoney	Keene Northfield
07/26/97	Paul Joseph Chiuchiolo, Jr. Bridget Erin McKeever	Melbourne, Fl. Northfield
07/26/97	Richard T. Halstead Tamara Lynne Jessiman	Cambridge, Ma. Cambridge, Ma.



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Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
08/01/97	Thomas Leo Roy Sally A. Ouellette	Northfield Northfield
08/14/97	David Howard Clark, Sr. Dorothy Marie Newbury	Northfield Northfield
08/15/97	Bruce Robert Hibbard Carol Ann Dukette	Northfield Northfield
08/16/97	Joseph Fransico Barbosa, Jr. Kimberly Ann Cilley	Northfield Northfield
08/16/97	Derek Sanderson Hunt Shari Beth Corey	Northfield Northfield
08/30/97	Erick Meleak Johnson Jennifer Mary Adams	Northfield Northfield
09/06/97	Garrett Norman Garstang Kimberly Ann Silbulkin	Northfield Northfield
09/20/97	Edward G. Bedard Linda Mae Andrews	Northfield Northfield
09/20/97	Frank Norman Harrington Dawn Michelle Fullerton	Northfield Northfield
09/20/97	Joseph Vincent Repsczynski Donnajeanne Hyatt	Plaistow Northfield
10/04/97	Joseph Shane Reynolds Sarah Jean St. Gelais	Northfield Northfield
10/04/97	David A. Lake Bonny Belle Champagne	Northfield Northfield
10/04/97	Michael Laurence Hoey, Sr. Tasha Lynn Dennis	Northfield Northfield



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence
10/11/97	Wilbur Elmer Fifield, Jr. Jennifer Lynn Gaffney	Northfield Salem, Ct.
10/25/97	Roger Leo Richardson, Jr. Charlene Charles	Northfield Northfield
11/25/97	Kendall Archie Sanborn Melissa Mary Roberge	Tilton Northfield
12/14/97	Gordon L. Hill Dolores E. Slack	Northfield Northfield
12/20/97	Carl Leonard Bullock, Jr. Allison Marie Clough	Northfield Tilton

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Town Clerk
Judy A. Huckins, Deputy Town Clerk



**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
10/17/96	Laconia	Desiree Ann Kuchinsky	Daniel Brian Kuchinsky Avidy Jane King
11/21/96	Laconia	Shania Ann Reynolds	Edward Joseph Reynolds Saralee Bergeron
01/07/97	Franklin	Jacob Daniel Green	Randy Alan Green Kimberly Ann Shute
01/15/97	Manchester	Ashley Kimberly Riley	Frank Myron Riley Pauline Francis Moreau
01/22/97	Laconia	Hunter Ames Bousquet	Bradford Brent Bousquet Collenn Campbell Gaboury
02/13/97	Concord	Elizabeth Pauline Beadle	Michael Robert Beadle Vivian Claire Sweeney
03/05/97	Franklin	William Pinkham Gove IV	William Pinkham Gove III Beatrice Jean Gagnon
03/12/97	Concord	Ryan Eugene Jacques	Daniel Eugene Jacques Sandra Jean Bibbins
03/19/97	Concord	David Steven McCutcheon	Steven Bruce McCutcheon Raquel Renee Roy
03/28/97	Concord	Andrew John Spaulding	Gary Raymond Spaulding Nancy Ruth Lewis
04/08/97	Concord	Erin Leigh McNamara	Kristopher Allen McNamara Renee Claire Gagne
05/06/97	Concord	Conor Michael Dougherty	Richard Michael Dougherty Kristin Gesen
05/15/97	Franklin	Amanda Lee Walsh	Steven Michael Walsh Rose Ann Howe
06/03/97	Concord	Molly Elizabeth Rollins	Kenneth Lee Rollins Monica Nina Berlandi



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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
07/01/97	Franklin	Kayleigh Danielle Adams	Daniel Sherman Adams Kimberly Ann Brett
07/30/97	Concord	Olivia Hall Martinson	Leif Martinson Deborah Ann Davis
08/18/97	Laconia	Elena Fay Lloyd	Christopher Donald Lloyd Pauline Mae Lamadeleine
09/18/97	Laconia	Marc Roy	Ernest Matthew Roy Colleen Marie Durand
09/25/97	Concord	Tyler Bryant Pake	Bryant Glenn Pake Cathryn Ann Doucette
12/19/97	Concord	Hannah Michelle Bryan	Scot Edwin Bryan Karen Michelle Jones
12/27/97	Concord	Colin Patrick O'Leary	James Michael O'Leary Paula Marie Peaslee
12/29/97	Franklin	Jacob James Morrison	James Craig Morrison Debra Jean Dorion

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Clerk
Judy Huckins, Deputy Clerk



**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
01/24/97	Northfield	Robert Maurice Barton	Maurice P. Barton Barbara Trottier
01/29/97	Manchester	Saunderson Hall Dunlop, Jr.	Saunderson Hall Dunlop, Sr. Mildred Little
02/17/97	Franklin	Arthur Raymond Cushing	Patrick J. Cushing Frances Weston
02/24/97	Franklin	Maurice George Pelletier	Alphonse Pelletier Clara Morin
03/02/97	Franklin	George Harry Bucken	Lewis Bucken Regina Gross
03/04/97	Franklin	Irene V. Kos	Wojciech Mikolajewski Anna Kaczorkiewicz
03/04/97	Northfield	Ronald Alfred Haddock, Sr.	Walter Haddock Kathleen Agnes Nordin
03/07/97	Northfield	Ruth Anna Wheeler	Bertram Pickess Susanna Whitaker
04/19/97	Franklin	Velma E. Simpson	John Lucier Mystie Wakeman
04/28/97	Franklin	Louis Joseph Croteau, Jr.	Louis Joseph Croteau, Sr. Helen Walsh
05/20/97	Franklin	Leon Elmer Nelson	Henry Nelson Florence Fifield
06/11/97	Franklin	Mary Ellen Peck	Roland Clogston, Sr. Elizabeth Harris
06/13/97	Northfield	Marjorie Lillian McCree	Frederick Brackett Margaret Jennie Haslam
06/14/97	Franklin	Linda Josephine Barr	Michael Digregorio Carmela Carbone



**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
06/21/97	Franklin	Patrick Allen Michael	Steven R. Michael Nancy Laflamme
06/25/97	Laconia	Rene Alfred Bedard	Alphee Bedard Edwilda Theberge
06/30/97	Concord	Ralph Frederick Veysey	Ralph Veysey Amelia Dumais
06/30/97	Franklin	James E. Petelle	Eugene J. Petelle Amy M. Plummer
07/17/97	Northfield	Lucille M. Gloddy	Michael Mercier Regina Dussault
07/18/97	Northfield	Jeanne M. Flanders	George St. Cyr Adella Mercier
07/23/97	Franklin	John E. Lyford	John Lyford Ethel Gardner
08/01/97	Boulder, Co.	James Randall Conde	John A. Conde Eliza G. Hall
08/14/97	Northfield	Russell M. Williams	Maynard W. Williams Jessie Robinson
08/14/97	Franklin	Frances C. Zimmerman	Edward Williams Frances Hagaman
08/29/97	Boston, Ma.	Kevin Eugene Howe	George A. Howe Alma Erickson
09/02/97	Concord	Elinor L. Ware	William Crombie Florence Hitchcock
09/03/97	Franklin	Ellen Small	William Simpson Catherine Hussey
09/06/97	Northfield	Charles Frank Dwinal	Charles Frank Dwinal Rose Murphy



**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Decedent	Name of Father Maiden Name of Mother
09/26/97	Laconia	Natalie Mae Rook	Fred H. Cross Ida M. Downing
09/30/97	Concord	Elizabeth Anna Barton	Earl Haywood Doris Merrill
10/22/97	Concord	Mildred B. Biron	Andrew McDaniels Elsie Dalton
11/13/97	Northfield	Clayton A. Flanders	Charles Flanders Georgie Dearborn
11/28/97	Concord	Anne L. Biggs	Francis Tucker Anna Louise Bursau
12/13/97	Laconia	Evelyn Ruth Lloyd	Frank H. Cross, Sr. Dolly Stevens
12/19/97	Laconia	Marie Alice Bacon	R. Angus Seeley Agnes Colson
12/23/97	Northfield	Patricia Lee McCall	Thomas J. McCall, Sr. Rita M. Therrien
12/26/97	Franklin	Paul William Martinson	William P. Martinson Jennie E. Ring
12/27/97	Franklin	Ann M. Pettengill	Joseph L'Herault Flora Piette
12/30/97	Northfield	Gordon Lee Hill	Warren B. Hill Dolores Driscoll

Respectfully Submitted,

Eliza H. Conde, Clerk
Judy Huckins, Deputy Clerk

OFFICE HOURS

Building Inspector:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039
Health Officer:	Hours by Appointment	286-7039

Hall Memorial Library:		
Winter Hours	M,T,W,TH	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
	Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Summer Hours	M,W	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
	T, TH, F	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Planning Board:	Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm - Town Hall
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Recycling Center:	Wednesday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
	Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Selectmen:	Meet every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector	M,T,TH,F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
	Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Zoning Board:	Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm - Town Hall
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Winnisquam Regional School Board meets the 3rd Monday of
each month at 7:30 pm

